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The stars shall align again FOR TIFF 2012

Cameron Bailey, co-director of the Toronto International Film Festival, speaks to the media at a press conference highlighting the 11-day lineup for TIFF in Toronto on Tuesday. This year's film festival will open with the Bruce Willis time-travelling thriller Looper, and showcase projects starring A-listers Ben Affleck, Ryan Gosling, Tom Hanks, Rachel McAdams and Gwyneth Paltrow. Story, page 24. SANDLER/CENTRAL IMAGE AGENCY

8 TTC crashes per day: Stats

Sounds high. But accident figures should be placed in the context of mileage the TTC puts in: Spokesman Brad Ross

Sunday's incident in which a TTC bus smashed into a Queen Street building was nothing unusual. About 3,000 transit vehicle collisions occur annually on Toronto roads.

But unlike Sunday's accident, which slightly injured three, no one is hurt in the vast majority of TTC crashes. And the number of collisions has been dropping, slightly but steadily, since 2007, say transit officials.

There were 3,015 TTC bus and streetcar collisions between April 30, 2011, and May 1, 2012, resulting in 230 injuries — 29 fewer than the same period in the previous year. There were 339 more crashes in the 2010-2011 period.

The TTC cut back service in 2012, which may account for some of the recent decrease in collisions, said TTC spokesman Brad Ross.

More fixed objects taking a hit

- Between April 30, 2010, and May 1, 2011, streetcars and buses hit 400 fixed objects — mostly streetlights and hydro poles, according to TTC spokesman Brad Ross.
- They hit 460 fixed objects during the same period in 2011 and 2012.

The 2010-2011 statistics show TTC surface vehicles crash about eight times a day on average. But that number has to be placed in the context of the mileage the TTC puts in, he said.

Last year, the TTC's fleet of 1,800 buses and 247 streetcars logged 130 million kilometres. Most of those vehicles, operated by the country's largest transit system, are in service every day during Toronto's increasingly congested rush hours.

"Where you're going to have more buses and more kilometres travelled, common sense would tell you the incident rate would be higher there," Ross said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fast-paced kitchen

Muslim restaurateurs observing Ramadan aren't fazed by the sight of food — but thirst is an issue PAGE 4

Oda's bill changes

In addition to reimbursing taxpayers for 'questionable' charges, ex-cabinet minister Bev Oda had expense claims altered after a story ran about her lavish spending, documents show PAGE 6

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Harper, Ford call for tougher crime laws to fight gangs

Private meeting.
PM says heightened border security will help stem the influx of illegal guns from the United States

In his first statements on Toronto's recent rash of gun crimes, Prime Minister Stephen Harper urged tighter government collaboration and tougher crime laws to fight gang violence.

Harper and Mayor Rob Ford held their own meeting on the issue on Tuesday, snubbing Premier Dalton McGuinty, who had asked for all three levels of government to be at the table for a discussion.

Harper was light on details about his meeting with Ford at 43 Division in Scarborough. He said they talked of their "joint determination" to tackle gun crimes.

"We discussed the range of the criminal justice measures before Parliament and the necessity of making those stick," Harper said. "I made specific suggestions to the mayor, as he did to me, and we are both going to look at additional measures we can take."

After Harper's motorcade had left, Ford climbed into his SUV in a secure police parking area and drove quickly past waiting reporters and residents who had hoped to speak with the two leaders.

In a two-paragraph statement, Ford later said they "shared a number of ideas that will be followed up in the next weeks and months … to make sure we have the tools in place to better prevent gang violence and protect the public from criminals."

The meeting, and one between Ford and McGuinty at Queen's Park on Monday, followed last week's deadly Danzig Street shooting. McGuinty pledged to make funding for the TAVIS anti-gang police unit permanent and promised action to attack the societal roots of the problem.

Harper reminded reporters in Oshawa that his government has introduced harsher sentencing laws. "I think these events in Toronto underscore why these penalties are essential," he said. "I certainly call on the courts to take these penalties seriously. This is not a theoretical problem."

There is also a bill before Parliament that will make it easier to deport "non-citizens who involve themselves in criminal activity in this country," he added.

Ford has also mused about tougher immigration laws.

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Face time with the PM

- Though not invited to Tuesday's talk with Mayor Rob Ford, Premier Dalton McGuinty said he spent time with the PM at General Motors, having their own chat about crime.
- McGuinty asked if there is anything more they could do to crack down on illegal guns coming in from the U.S., and Harper assured him he is going to "take another look at that," the premier said.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper met Mayor Rob Ford on Tuesday in Scarborough to discuss the recent shootings in the city. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Assaulted man awakens from three-week coma

Dan MacLeod pictured before the assault. CONTRIBUTED/JUSTICEFORDAN.CA

After more than three weeks in a coma, one of the first things Daniel MacLeod wrote after he woke up was, "It's nice to see everyone."

MacLeod, 22, has regained consciousness after an alleged June 28 assault on Dundas Street West. His parents, sister and extended family waited at his bedside in Toronto Western Hospital, not knowing whether he would live or die.

But his condition has improved markedly over the past week, said his cousin, Sonny Day. On Thursday, MacLeod said his name and wrote some messages to his family.

"(The doctors) said it's miraculous," said Day, who first spoke publicly about the incident that left MacLeod clinging to life this month in the hope of helping police find the assailant.

"He's opening his eyes, he's been able to kind of acknowledge the people around and do some interaction. But it's still very limited what he can do."

Police charged a 27-year-old Toronto man with aggravated assault this month after releasing security camera images of a suspect.

Day said MacLeod is breathing without the help of a ventilator but can't walk or talk and is still under sedation. He also has pneumonia, which he contracted after his admission to the intensive-care unit at Toronto Western.

Day said doctors are reluctant to give a prognosis yet.

"They just have to see how it goes and see how much he improves," he said. "It's still just wait-and-see. He's still not out of the woods, he's still got a long way to go."

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Good Samaritan

Search is on for DVP rescuer

Police are searching for a Good Samaritan who helped save a woman's life.

The man was near the Don Valley Parkway and Lawrence Avenue East at about 1 p.m. on Tuesday when a woman in her 60s jumped from the Lawrence bridge into the traffic below. Police say the man ran onto the roadway to single-handedly halt vehicles tearing past the unconscious woman. She was rushed to hospital with serious injuries, but police said she will recover.

Police would like to thank the man for his quick-thinking and bravery. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SoFit Mobile

App helps users get into the Olympic spirit

A Toronto-based mobile development company, SoFit Mobile, has released a free social-gaming app to engage users to get into the Olympic spirit while promoting fitness.

The GPS-enabled app connects users with friends virtually, so they can train together and take part in athletic events such as the New York Marathon while earning rewards like medals, coupons and special offers. They can also team with charities to raise money for miles walked in events.

"Using the Olympics as a way to inspire more people to get active, SoFit will engage users to take small steps to start living healthier while connecting millions to make the world a better place," Olympic figure skater Michelle Kwan said in a release.

The app was developed in partnership with the Walk A Mile campaign, which was inspired by the 2012 London Games. SoFit is available for Apple and Android devices.

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On the web

Bale rises to occasion

Actor Christian Bale visited moviegoers injured at the midnight screening of The Dark Knight Rises in Colorado. Go to metronews.ca to find out more.

Stuck on obesity theory

A Canadian scientist has found himself in a sticky situation after claiming the popular war on obesity is unfairly targeting fructose as 'a metabolic evil.' Go to metronews.ca to read his theory.

Mobile news

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Driven nuts, man relieved month living in car is over

Couped up. Tanner Zurkoski says it was hot, his muscles atrophied, he gained weight, and his relationship with his girlfriend ended

It was a godforsaken month.

Tanner Zurkoski, 22, spent the last 29 days in vehicular prison to make a very dramatic point about how much time GTA commuters lose to the road each year. He competed for the honour and was paid $1,000 a week by Evergreen, a charity that tries to make cities more livable.

It was long and it was hot. His social life deteriorated. He is pretty sure his muscles atrophied. His relationship with his girlfriend ended.

"It was not a direct result of this but it probably didn't help," Zurkoski said before his last trunk sleep on Monday night.

The pain was dulled by the general misery of his existence.

"Everything was kind of really 'meh' already, it was kind of one more thing," he said. "I just threw it on the pile and dealt with it all."

Also on the pile: Weight gain.

"It's hard from a car, what you can access from a car is built for convenience," he said.

The worst offender was a Dairy Queen Blizzard on a 36 C day, which, upon impact with his stomach, made him realize he had made a terrible mistake. He was also irritated by other drivers.

"After you're on the road with drivers in Toronto for more than a few days, you hate them all, and it's really, really difficult to share the road with them," he said, noting that defensive driving is a must.

Among the predictable dreariness that accompanies a month in a car, there was insight:

"Toronto is not keeping up with its population, it's slowly grinding to a halt," he said. "It's time that Toronto stops talking about infrastructure, stops talking about the next thing they have to do, it really has to start happening."

Zurkoski was allowed out for hygiene breaks, and on Tuesday, released for good — to real life, where he is a sound mixer. He smiled and was presented with a bike at Evergreen Brick Works. People clapped.

"I think it's one of the coolest things I've ever done," he told the crowd. "I would never do it again."

Evergreen's creative director, Lea Ann Armstrong, thanked him for taking on the challenge in the heat "and warding off raccoons, or whatever it was. Tanner always had a smile on his face, we couldn't have chosen a better person," she said.

The self-deprecating Zurkoski was ideal for the stunt, despite his 6-foot-3 height. But as the weeks dragged on and the temperature became unbearable, the people behind the scenes were worried he might quit. Reassuring emails and phone calls followed.

Armstrong said they wouldn't do it again, even though it was a success.

"I think we probably underestimated what Tanner was going to be able to do while he was sitting in a car, we had to pull out some extra internal staff to help, it was a big investment," she said.

AutoShare, which donated the car for the project, couldn't make the official exit because its rep was stuck in traffic.

"How poetic," Zurkoski said.

The rep eventually arrived to shake Zurkoski's hand, upon his release.

"You might want to burn it," he joked about the car.

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Never again

"I think it's one of the coolest things I've ever done ... I would never do it again." Tanner Zurkoski

Tanner Zurkoski smiles big as holds up the bike presented to him by Lea Ann Armstrong, creative director for Evergreen, on his last day of living in a car. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

There were a few good things

Tanner Zurkoski was asked to list five pros and cons about his month in a car. He could not come up with more than three positive things to say.

Worst things

1. **Sleeping no more than five hours a night.**
2. **The heat.** There were 10 "just terrible" days.
3. **Gradual deterioration of social life.**
4. **Traffic.** Queen, Spadina, Kensington and most of Bloor West made him "physically anxious".
5. **Lack of physical activity.**

Best things

1. **Talking to people.**
2. **Driving to places he can't normally get to, like Brampton.**
3. **Listening to music.** (He went all-Canadian for the month.)

Will.i.am's got #willpower

Trending his way through the NEW.MUSIC.LIVE studio on Tuesday, Will.i.am stopped by to chat with host Jesse Giddings about the release of his second solo album #willpower, due out this fall. The album features collaborations with LMFAO, Ne-Yo, and even Britney Spears.

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Fasting in the kitchen: Muslim restaurant owners face unique challenge at Ramadan

You'd think the customers at Somethin' 2 Talk About are the ones fasting.

They look so hungry, eager to eat.

But the people fasting for the month of Ramadan are the ones preparing the food.

Salah Abderrahman and his wife Ahdela Akoojee, both 45, greet the last-minute customers rushing into their little family-owned restaurant. Abderrahman, the chef, carefully cooks a home-made burger.

His customer, Kelly Shaw, is hungry.

Shaw knows both Abderrahman and Akoojee haven't had anything to eat or drink since sunrise, just after 4 a.m.

She admires their ability to be surrounded by tempting treats, waiting until nearly 9 p.m., when the sun sets, to break their fast.

Ahdela Akoojee and her husband Salah Abderrahman at their restaurant Somethin' 2 Talk About. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"I tried (fasting) once before and it's hard," says Shaw. "It takes a lot of discipline."

The scents and sight of their food don't faze Abderrahman and Akoojee. If anything, thirst is the hardest, they say, as they are on their feet all day in a warm kitchen. The air-conditioner is moody, cooling better on some days than others. They close the restaurant an hour earlier than usual during Ramadan, to pace themselves.

Feeling a bit hungry from fasting motivates the couple to make their food even tastier. Fasting heightens their senses, says Akoojee. "You want everything to taste even better."

When you're in the restaurant industry, observing Ramadan requires an extra dash of creativity.

For one thing, Abderrahman can't properly sample his creations. He says he tastes his food on the tip of his tongue, to ensure spices are right, for instance, and then spits it out.

Another thing is that a fair proportion of the clientele is also fasting. Abderrahman says their distinct Gerrard St. West restaurant with the yellow facade loses about 30 per cent of its business during Ramadan, but the remaining customers keep them busy.

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Somethin' 2 Talk About

The restaurant is beloved by Muslims and non-Muslims alike. Muslims especially appreciate the availability of halal meats, says Salah Abderrahman. That's part of the reason he opened the restaurant — as well as avoiding having to work in restaurants that prepare pork, which is forbidden in Islam.

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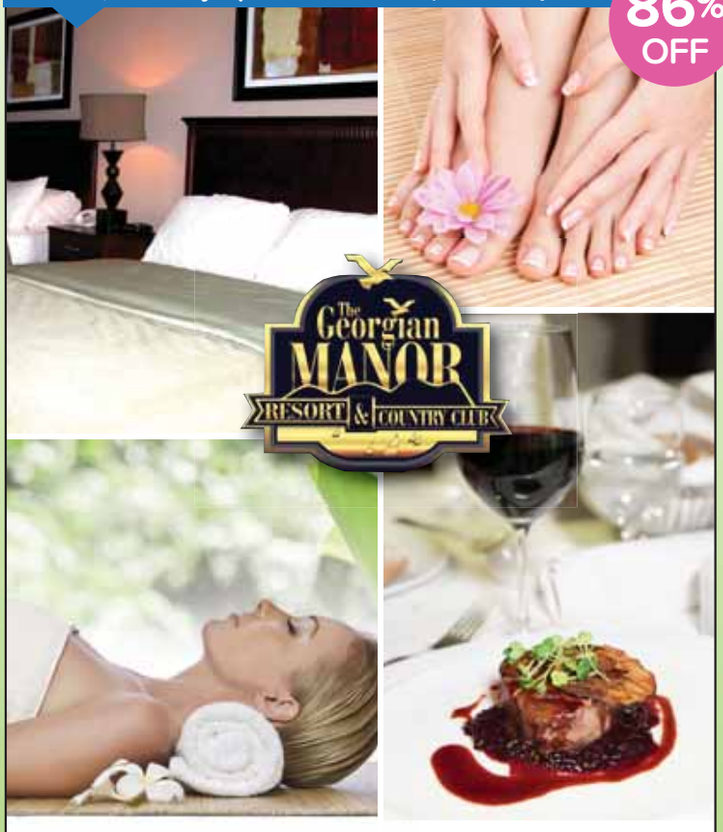

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Anger amid the final farewells: Sad father calls Holmes a coward

Colorado massacre.
Orange hair, glassy eyes spark the question: Is the Dark Knight shooting rampage suspect sane?

The families of those killed in the Colorado theatre massacre planned their final goodbyes Tuesday, their anger stirred by the sight of suspect James Holmes in a courtroom with dyed orange-red hair and glassy eyes.

Tom Teves, the father of one of the 12 people Holmes is accusing of killing in Friday's shooting rampage, called the suspect "a coward" for allegedly attacking defenceless victims.

Another 58 people were wounded in one of the worst mass shootings in recent U.S. history.

Robert Blache watched video clips from Holmes' seemingly dazed court appearance with his injured daughter Christina, who was shot in both legs at the midnight première of the new Batman film The Dark Knight Rises.

"He doesn't look surprised at any of it, but he seemed amazed at what was happening. I'm pretty sure he's not sane," Blache said.

After Holmes was led back to his solitary confinement cell, victims' families were left to plan funerals.

Holmes is being held on suspicion of first-degree murder, and he could face additional counts of aggravated assault and weapons violations. He won't be formally charged until next Monday.

Police expect months of working with behavioural analysts and scrutinizing Holmes' relationships to establish a motive. They say Holmes isn't co-operating.

Prosecutor Carol Chambers said her office is considering the death penalty.

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Ashley Deuell kneels Tuesday at a memorial to a family friend, a massacre victim. TED S. WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officer injured

Man dies after cop, suspect fall into Niagara Gorge in foot chase: SIU

An injured Niagara Regional Police officer and the body of a man have been pulled from the Niagara Gorge after both went over a retaining wall late Tuesday afternoon.

The police officer was the first pulled about 30 metres out of the gorge in Niagara Falls.

The officer had sustained a broken leg and was airlifted to hospital in Hamilton.

The province's police watchdog, the Special Investigation Unit, says the man died of injuries suffered in the fall.

His body was brought out by firefighters just before 9 p.m. and loaded into a waiting ambulance.

The SIU says the officer was chasing a man in the area of River Road, between Otter and Eastwood Streets, and they both went over the gorge wall sometime after 5 p.m.

Reports indicate the two fell near or to the bottom of the gorge and firefighters reached the men by rappelling down the steep embankment.

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Oda repaid 5 'inappropriate expenses,' had claims altered, documents show

Former Conservative cabinet minister Bev Oda reimbursed taxpayers for inappropriate travel and hospitality expenses incurred on five separate occasions following revelations of her lavish spending while attending an international immunization conference in London last year.

"The former minister's expenses were re-examined and all inappropriate expenses were repaid," Stephanie Rea, now director of communications for the newly appointed International Co-operation Minister Julian Fantino wrote in an email on Tuesday.

Oda came under fire this spring after The Canadian Press reported she had switched her reservation from the five-star Grange St. Paul's Hotel to the more expensive Savoy.

Bev Oda SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Star obtained documents through access-to-information legislation showing that in addition to reimbursing taxpayers for questionable charges in London, Oda had four other expense claims dating back to 2007 altered soon after the story appeared.

The changes included deleting the entry for a $208.32 dinner with four guests and two employees of the federal government at the Thames Foyer, an informal dining room at the Savoy Hotel in London that features a live pianist during afternoon tea.

Documents show an administrative officer in the minister's office sent two urgent emails on May 4 to someone who works in graphic design at the Canadian International Development Agency requesting changes to the proactive disclosure section of the website.

The expense claims for the trip to London, a January 2010 official visit to Bolivia, a maternal health conference Oda attended in Washington, D.C., in June 2010 were on the list of requested changes, among others.

Rea said after-the-fact changes to proactive disclosure websites are a common way to meet reporting deadlines before all the bills come in.

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Iraq. More attacks follow deadliest day in 2 years

Bomb attacks in Iraq killed nine people Tuesday, officials said, a bloody aftershock to the country's deadliest day in two years that followed the declaration of a new al-Qaida offensive.

Police said an explosives-rigged motorcycle killed six Kurdish intelligence officials on a late afternoon security patrol in the northeast town of Tuz Khormato, located 210 kilometres north of Baghdad.

A local medic confirmed the deaths. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

Less than an hour earlier and a little farther south, a parked minibus blew up near a police checkpoint in the city of Baquoba. The blast killed three passersby and wounded 29 others.

The blasts followed a wave of violence across Iraq on Monday during which 115 people were killed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trial

The trial of Vice-President Tariq al-Hashemi continued Tuesday. He is accused of running death squads against security forces and pilgrims.

- Al-Hashemi is in Turkey avoiding trial.

Syria

Regime targets commercial capital

With warplanes circling overhead, Syrian attack helicopters pounded rebel-held neighbourhoods in Aleppo Tuesday in an escalation of the battle for the country's commercial capital and largest city, residents said. Following a pair of rebel assaults on the country's two main cities and a bombing that wiped out some of his top security advisers, President Bashar Assad on Tuesday reshuffled his top intelligence posts, dismissing one general and appointing a new national security council chief to replace the one killed in the blast. The regime has turned to heavy weapons to uproot fighters in Damascus and now Aleppo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bus bomber 'exceptionally skilled', Bulgaria PM says

Coordinated attack. Borisov said the suicide bomber in last week's bus attack acted with accomplices

A sophisticated group of conspirators was involved in the suicide bombing in Bulgaria that killed five Israeli tourists and a Bulgarian bus driver last week, and they spent about a month in Bulgaria before the attack, the country's prime minister said Tuesday.

Boiko Borisov's comments confirm suspicions that the suicide attacker who targeted a bus filled with Israeli vacationers last Wednesday did not act alone. However, the prime minister didn't say how many people were believed to have been involved in the attack on Israeli tourists in Burgas and also declined to back up Israel's claims that Iran and the militant group Hezbollah played roles.

Those involved used "leased vehicles, they moved in different cities so as not to be seen together, and no two of them can be seen in one place on any security camera," Borisov said, speaking alongside visiting White House counterterrorism chief John Brennan.

He described the people behind the blast as "exceptionally skilled" and said they "observed absolute secrecy." He also said DNA samples from the suicide bomber have been shared with all partner security services, but no match has been found in their databases.

"There was absolutely no chance of preventing such an act of violence," Borisov insisted. "We could have only detected it by chance or if we had been informed by the services that such activities were under way in Bulgaria."

He said officials believe he might have flow into Bulgaria from a European country in the Schengen passport-free travel zone, and that Bulgaria is exploring that lead with officials in other European countries.

"We do not know his identity, but it is known when he has arrived, the presumed flight, where he came from. It could turn out that he entered Bulgaria from a Schengen member country," Borisov said.

Brennan also stopped short of blaming Iran or Hezbollah. He said the U.S. has been working with Bulgaria during its investigation.

European security officials say that images of the attacker have not yet matched any of their databases but that it's possible the man was not on a watch list. ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"There was absolutely no chance of preventing such an act of violence"

Bulgarian prime minister Boiko Borisov

In this July 20 file photo, family and friends attend the funeral of Itzik Kolengi, who was killed in a bombing in Bulgaria Wednesday. DAN BALILTY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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State wildfire officials have identified a man who has been spotted dressed in a goat suit among a herd of wild goats in the mountains of northern Utah.
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A person is seen in a goat suit in Utah.
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Bum injections

'Black Madam' faces murder charges

Padge Windslowe is charged in the 2011 death of a woman following a series of silicone injections performed at a hotel near Philadelphia International Airport. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Enigmatic lady

La Gioconda's lo scheletro?

Archeologists found a skeleton buried inside the Sant'Orsola monastery in Florence, Italy, Tuesday that could belong to Lisa Gherardini, the first model of Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa painting.
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A researcher works inside the monastery.
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Lobzilla finds a new home

A 9.5-kilogram lobster caught off Cape Cod has found a new home at the New England Aquarium in Boston after it was won in a raffle from Capt'n Elmer's Fish Market.
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Judge 'had no idea' about nude pics, husband testifies

Inquiry. Jack King says 'bizarre sexual behaviour' all his own

A Manitoba judge under investigation for alleged sexual harassment was unaware that sexually explicit photos of her were on the Internet, occasionally accompanied by personal ads seeking group sex, her husband testified Tuesday.

"She had no idea until the middle of June 2003 that I had posted any pictures on the Internet," Jack King told the Canadian Judicial Council inquiry, now into its second week of hearings."It was essentially in pursuit of some absolutely bizarre sexual behaviour on my part."

King used naked photos of Douglas in 2003 to harass former client Alexander Chapman and asked him in conversations and emails to have sex with his wife.

King pleaded guilty to professional misconduct last year and was ordered to pay the Law Society of Manitoba $13,650, but retains his licence to practice law.

Douglas faces a much steeper penalty. The inquiry panel could recommend that she be removed from the bench. She was appointed a judge in 2005 and rose to become associate chief justice of Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench.
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Allegations against Douglas

- That she sexually harassed Chapman.
- That she failed to disclose the issue when she was screened for a judicial appointment in 2005.
- That she didn't fully disclose some facts to the inquiry and changed a 2003 entry in her personal diary in 2010.
- That the photos have undermined confidence in the justice system.

Send in the clowns ... for a conference

Clowns chant slogans after posing for a group picture during the inauguration of the fourth annual Latin American Clown Congress in Guatemala City, Tuesday. Clowns from Central America and South America and the Caribbean have gathered for three days in the capital city to exchange ideas and attend workshops. RODRIGO ABD/THE ASSOCIATES PRESS

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150 groups demand global asbestos ban

Targeting a killer.
Over 107,000 die each year from working with asbestos, expert says, quoting WHO

More than 150 international and Canadian health organizations and individual scientists are demanding a worldwide ban on the mining, export and use of asbestos.

The demand comes after last month's announcement by the Quebec government that it would lend $58 million to help reopen the Jeffrey mine in the town of Asbestos.

"The science is clear that all forms of asbestos cause ill health and premature death," said Colin Soskolne, a professor at the University of Alberta.

"According to the World Health Organization, over 107,000 people die each year from working with asbestos."

But industry backers insist asbestos can be used safely if it is handled properly.

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Shameful?

Quebec's $58-million loan is "a shameful display of disregard for science."
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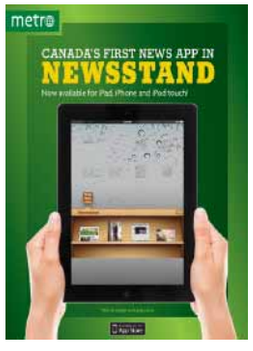

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Park's web stream.
Curious humans can watch bears compete for salmon, tumble over each other as they play

In this photo taken last week, a brown bear catches a salmon at Brooks Falls, Katmai National Park in Alaska. TAHITIA HICKS/EXPLORE.ORG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new video initiative is bringing the famed brown bears of Alaska's Katmai National Park directly to your computer or smartphone.

Without having to go there, you'll be able to watch mature bears compete for salmon at Brook Falls and other sites and cubs tumbling over each other as they play. Starting Tuesday, a live web stream (http://is.gd/bfPAs8) will allow the public to log on and see the brown bears in their natural habitat.

"I think it's an unparalleled opportunity for people to get that front row seat of the lives of the bears at Brooks Camp," said Roy Wood, chief of interpretation for Katmai National Park and Preserve.

The project is a partnership with explore.org, which set up four high-definition cameras in Katmai, spokesman Jason Damata told The Associated Press. Three of them are at existing viewing stands where bear fans come to watch the animals.

The cameras provide access to a national park that is difficult to reach and expensive for most tourists. It is about 440 kilometres southwest of Anchorage, but no roads lead to Katmai. A trip there involves multiple airplanes and a lot of advanced planning: It's hard to get a lodge reservation at Brooks Camp before 2014.

"It takes a lot of time, a lot of effort and a lot of money, and the webcams will make it accessible to anyone with access to a computer, a smartphone, a tablet device," Wood said.

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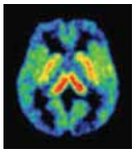

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Accused terrorist. Witness grilled over torture info

A former spy service employee who helped compile the case against accused terrorist Mohamed Mahjoub says he didn't rely on information tainted by torture.

The retired Canadian Security Intelligence Service employee, known only as CSIS Witness No. 3, told a Federal Court hearing Tuesday there was no indication the information he drew from the spy agency's data banks was obtained through brutal methods.

"If I knew information came from torture, I would not use it," the witness said under questioning from Yavar Hameed, a lawyer for Mahjoub.

The federal government is trying to deport Mahjoub, 52, using a national security certificate, claiming he was a high-ranking member of an Islamic terrorist organization.

Mohamed Mahjoub
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He once worked as deputy general manager of a farm project in Sudan run by Osama bin Laden, who would later spearhead the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington.

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U.S. federal court

Abortion and suicide linked?

The U.S. state of South Dakota can require doctors to warn women seeking abortions that they face an increased risk of suicide if they go through with the procedure, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday. The 8th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the portion of the 2005 South Dakota law dealing with the suicide advisory 7-4. The ruling ultimately was a battle of medical studies. Statistics show women who have had abortions have higher rates of suicide compared with women who have given birth, but the sides don't agree that there's a causal link.

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Sheriff addresses 'dirty' immigrant comment

Arizona. Joe Arpaio tells civil trial his description of illegal aliens was taken out of context

An Arizona sheriff known internationally for his hardline stance on illegal immigration took the witness stand Tuesday and faced allegations that his trademark immigration sweeps amounted to racial profiling against Hispanics.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, testifying on his own behalf in a civil trial Tuesday, was asked about a statement in which he called illegal immigrants "dirty."

Arpaio said the proper context was needed to understand that statement, adding that if a person were to cross the border on foot over four days in the desert that person "could be dirty. That's the context on how I used that word."

Arpaio was without his typical bluster under questioning from lawyers for plaintiffs who say his policies are discriminatory. He said he has the flu and is speaking in a more hushed tone than normal, clearing his throat often.

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Kathryn Kodor of Phoenix holds a sign of support for Sheriff Joe Arpaio at the Sandra Day O'Connor Courthouse in downtown Phoenix, before the start of the racial-profiling case against the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday. NICK OZA/THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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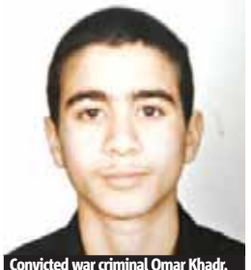
Toews demands U.S. release full Khadr interview

Sealed. Partial transcripts of video show Khadr saw no problem living as a Muslim in Canada



Convicted war criminal Omar Khadr, seen in this undated file photo, has applied to Ottawa to be transferred from Guantanamo Bay to Canada.
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Guantanamo Bay prisoner Omar Khadr said he foresaw no problem living as a devout Muslim in Canada even though most Canadians hold different religious views, according to parts of an interview the government is now demanding to access in its entirety.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews has requested that the U.S. turn over the sealed eight-hour video of the interview with Dr. Michael Welner, whose damning testimony helped prompt a military commission jury to sentence Khadr to 40 years.

However, partial transcripts offer some insight into the forensic psychiatrist's approach and into how Khadr, now 25, envisaged life on his return to Canada.

"What do you think it would be like for you, as a devout Muslim, living in Canada?" Welner asks in the interview that took place over two days in June 2010. "I'd practise my religion, and everybody can practise his own religion," Khadr answers.

"Do you feel that it's easy to practise your religion in a devout way there?"

"Well, I hope nobody would tell me not to practise my religion, but I think I have confidence that Canada is not going to try to harm me."

The Welner-Khadr interview has taken on new prominence with Toews' demand it be turned over so he can determine whether the Canadian citizen poses a threat to public safety.

Under his October 2010 deal that overrode the jury's sentence, the Toronto-born Khadr pleaded guilty to five charges, including one related to the death of an American special forces soldier. In return, he was given eight years in prison on top of the eight he had already spent before his widely condemned military commission trial.

The deal stipulated he would spend one more year in Guantanamo — until October 2011 — before transferring to a Canadian prison, but Toews has refused to allow Khadr back.

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U.S. election. Romney goes after Obama's foreign policy

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney issued a sweeping indictment Tuesday of President Barack Obama's conduct of foreign policy, including a charge that the White House sought political gain by leaking classified details of the military raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

The stunningly sharp attack on Obama, issued in a Reno, Nev., speech to the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, sets up Romney's journey this week to Britain, Israel and Poland, key American allies.

Romney did not detail how, specifically, he would alter U.S. policy even as he implied that Obama had stood by as Washington lost global supremacy and leadership of the free world.

"If you do not want America to be the strongest nation on earth, I am not your president. You have that president today," the former Massachusetts governor told the appreciative audience of veterans.

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Q2 results. Rogers begins to see benefits of cutting costs

Rogers Communications had a weaker quarterly profit and flat revenue due to competition in its wireless and cable divisions, but the Toronto company said Tuesday it has started to see the benefits of cost-cutting.

Rogers has eliminated more than 650 jobs so far this year and wants to increase its revenues.

"We accelerated a number of cost-management initiatives aimed at offsetting the top-line (revenue) pressures and worked on changes that will address the topline in the coming quarters," chief executive Nadir Mohamed said on a conference call to discuss the second-quarter results.

Q2 profits

- Revenue was $3.11 billion, up slightly from $3.1 billion in the comparable period, but below expectations of $3.14 billion.
- Rogers shares bounced upward $1.88, or five per cent, to $39.12 in early afternoon trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Mohamed didn't say how long the cost-cutting initiatives would last or if they would include more job cuts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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GM makes $850M R&D investment in Oshawa

Auto announcement. Workers question whether vehicles that are developed from investment will be produced in Canada

Prime Minister Stephen Harper plugs in a GM Volt electric car at the GM plant in Oshawa, Ont., on Tuesday, alongside GM Canada president Kevin Williams, left, and Premier Dalton McGuinty.
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GM Canada is investing $850 million in research and development at its complex east of Toronto, an announcement hailed by the prime minister as proof of the automaker's commitment to Canada as it makes good on its bailout commitments, but regarded cautiously by auto workers.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who attended the GM announcement in Oshawa, said the money represents "exciting future implications" with ripple effects that will be felt throughout the economy.

The federal and Ontario governments invested a total of $10.5 billion in GM Canada in 2009 as the automaker struggled to survive the economic downturn.

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GM's $850-million investment came on the same day Toyota pledged $100 million to boost production in Cambridge, Ont., making for nearly $1 billion in auto-sector investment in Ontario in a single day.

The $850-million investment is aimed at meeting R&D spending commitments the automaker made under the bailout.

GM says the investment in R&D at the Canadian Engineering Centre will make the facility an integral part of its global engineering and R&D networks. But the company did not give any specific announcement about whether new jobs would be created.

The money will also go toward enhancing partnerships with automotive suppliers, including "new co-development projects and greater opportunities for start-ups to access funding through GM Ventures." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario home prices up 17%: Report

Average Ontario home prices have risen 17 per cent over the past four years, with the most significant growth seen in the province's north, according to a report released Tuesday.

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, which tracked home sale prices in Ontario between Jan. 1, 2008 and Jan. 1, 2012, said the figures are good news for Ontario homeowners as they suggest a strong real-estate market.

"Increasing property values reflect positive economic circumstances," said MPAC's chief assessor, Larry Hummel.

However, rising home prices make it difficult for first-time homebuyers to enter the market and many in some of Ontario's most expensive cities like Toronto are opting for condos, a market that many economists have warned could soon be at risk of a downturn.

The figures in the report reflect average price trends in local markets, which can vary greatly from one another.

To illustrate the 17 per cent average provincial increase, the report said if a property sold for $350,000 on Jan. 1, 2008, the average sale price for that same property on Jan. 1, 2012 would be $409,500.

Quoted

"We are approaching levels of house prices relative to income similar to what existed in the U.S. prior to their bubble." Liberal MP John McCallum

"This is a reflection of obviously a lot of sale data," Hummel said of the report's figures.

MPAC analysed actual sale prices of similar properties to help establish the assessed value of residential properties. The location, quality of construction, lot dimensions, any renovations or additions, as well as number of bathrooms were some of the factors that played into a property's assessment.

The report noted some of the most significant growth in Ottawa and in cities in northern Ontario.

The report released Tuesday was MPAC's first such document on residential sale-price trends. One of MPAC's goals with the report was to take the temperature of the Ontario real-estate market so homeowners are better informed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Economy

Retail sales up in May: StatsCan

More Canadians went shopping in May, driving retail sales up slightly to $38.9 billion.

StatsCan reports that stronger sales of food drove the increase at supermarkets and general-merchandise stores and clothing and accessories sales also rose.

But sales were down in the car industry and at electronic and appliance stores.

Retail sales rose in six provinces, with Alberta reporting the largest increase. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Transportation

More Bombardier LRTs going to U.K.

Bombardier will supply 20 additional light rail vehicles to Manchester's transit system in the United Kingdom.

The option is part of the contract signed with Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive in 2007 and is valued at around $51 million US, with Bombardier's share valued at about $38 million, the company said.

To date, Bombardier has delivered 54 vehicles to Manchester's Metrolink transit system.
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Rebekah Brooks, former chief executive of News International.

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Ex-editors charged in scandal

Phone hacking. Two former members of British PM's inner circle charged with conspiring to intercept communications

Britain's phone-hacking scandal entered a new and expanded criminal phase Tuesday, with charges brought against two former members of Prime Minister David Cameron's inner circle over a campaign of illegal espionage that has rocked the country's establishment.

The Crown Prosecution Service announced Tuesday that Andy Coulson and Rebekah Brooks — both former editors of Rupert Murdoch's now-shuttered News of the World tabloid — were among eight people being charged with conspiring to intercept the communications of at least 600 people between 2000 and 2006.

The alleged victims included everyone from a murdered teenager to Hollywood power couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

Coulson and Brooks, who had previously been charged in related cases, have both denied any wrongdoing and vowed to fight the charges.

The charges may further embarrass Cameron, who hired Coulson as his chief communications adviser and once counted Brooks and her horse training husband Charlie in his circle of friends.

The prime minister is Brooks' neighbour in the well-to-do Cotswolds town of Chipping Norton, and would swing by the News Corp. executive's house for Christmas parties, go horseback riding with her husband, and text her weekly.

The developing criminal investigation will shortly be overshadowed by the long-awaited London Olympics, but the prospect of having Cameron's former associates in the dock during lengthy trials could prove an unwelcome sideshow as the prime minister battles to get Britain's recession-scarred economy back on track.

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Journalists implicated

Among those charged Tuesday were some of the News of the World's best-known and most senior journalists.

- Prosecutors named Stuart Kuttner, Greg Miskiw, Neville Thurlbeck, James Weatherup and Ian Edmondson.
- Greg Miskiw and James Weatherup are accused of intercepting the messages of actor Jude Law, along with associates of his ex-wife Sadie Frost and his former girlfriend Sienna Miller.

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The Summer Olympics start in a couple of days, but you wouldn't know it here in Vancouver, the city that hosted the most recent Olympics. 2010, remember?

You think they'd fire up the flame one more time in solidarity, but it just sits there overlooking the North Shore mountains, the scene of so many gold-medal triumphs, like a spent Bic, not a flicker.

Even though the Vancouver weather has been reminiscent of the Olympic weather (cold and wet), hardly anyone is wearing the Olympic gear that not so long ago led them to endure day-long lineups in front of the Bay — just for the mittens.

John Furlong, the czar of the 2010 Games and the chair of Canada's Own the Podium program, isn't even going to London to cheer on Canada's athletes.

They'll have to own the podium without him, as he says the money will be better spent elsewhere.

Maybe they'll only be able to afford to rent the podium. Time share?

City of no enthusiasm

"This apparent lack of Olympic rah-rah is puzzling when you consider the local frenzy whipped up during the 2010 Games."

This apparent lack of Olympic rah-rah is puzzling when you consider the local frenzy whipped up during the 2010 Games. The streets were jammed with millions of people who would stand in line for hours just to get a glimpse of the Olympic torch, zip-line across Robson Street or stand in front of the mint just to look at an Olympic gold medal. When Sid the Kid scored the goal that won the gold medal for Canada's hockey team, the entire city erupted in a roar that could be heard all the way to Wembley Stadium.

But now? Not a peep. It's eerie.

Maybe we're Olympicked out. Another one? Already? Or maybe we're just a Winter Olympics kind of town, though given the daily parade of Lycra-clad cyclists all-out pursuing their personal best, you'd be forgiven for thinking the opposite.

The only thing that hasn't changed between these Games and Vancouver's is the British press. The news is a blood sport in Britain. You'd think it's the Hunger Games, the way they gnash their collective chattering teeth about anticipated traffic woes, the stupid mascots, massive security problems, the controversy over a memorial for the Israeli athletes killed in Munich, the food, etc., confidently predicting the worst Olympics ever. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

Of course, if we get to the podium often enough, it won't matter if we own it, rent it or pawn it.

And if Simon Whitfield wins the triathlon gold, you'll be able to hear the roar all the way to Vancouver.

But for now, it's quiet. Too quiet. Cue the national anthem ...

Well, it looks like somebody is into it. These basketball team members from Canada jump for joy at the Olympic rings inside the Olympic Village Tuesday in London. SUZANNE PLUNKETT/GETTY IMAGES

Eyeful tower an eyesore?

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Looming over Olympics

Orbit Tower not understood

A security member takes photos at the Orbit observation tower inside Olympic Park in London.

Looming large over the Olympic Stadium, the contorted mass of steel spiralling 115 metres up into the London skies is dividing opinions before the Games have even begun.

The Orbit Tower was conceived as London's answer to the Eiffel Tower in Paris, having already beaten out the French capital to host the 2012 Olympics.

But to what purpose is this crushed, swirling roller-coaster design by sculptors Anish Kapoor and Cecil Balmond?

An observation deck? Maybe a mysterious monument to the Olympics, like the Sphinx to ancient Egypt? Or just a piece of modern art?

From afar, the 2,000-tonne structure resembles the heart of a theme park. But this is Olympic Park — and Britain's biggest-ever piece of public art is, to some, just a complex platform providing vistas of the capital.

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Design commentary

"Half of the steel isn't doing a job for the height.... It looks a contorted mass of entrails being stretched and knotted into oblivion."

Oliver Wainwright of Building Design magazine

Pricey project

Olympic flame goes elsewhere

Steel baron Lakshmi Mittal, whose company donated the steel and is funding most of the $36.5-million US project, maintains there is no place for the ceremonial flame atop the tower.

"It's strange if there are no ties to the Olympic cauldron, to make sure when the flame was lit for the entirety it could be seen all around from an open area," said Anna-Maria Sponaski, a native of Vancouver.

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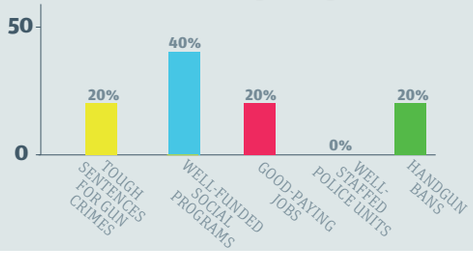

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@stephaniejind: 100,000 condoms were ordered for the athletes at the Olympics this year LOL

@bhawksunited: I can add another deal I missed, shea Weber staying in Nashville as preds match offer sheet #BeingAtWorkSucks

@KORichardson: So @TOMayorFord begged McGuinty for $ and Harper for a civics lesson on the Ministry Citizenship & Immigration? #TOPoli

@68hitman: i tell ya, if i live to be a million i will never see a better day than it is today in #Toronto

@MCNAIR_NNH: Jumped on the DVP north, yeah I'm sick in the head.

@TwinkleToesJKP: DVP lane closures have forced me to drive by the scene of my accident from 2 yrs ago. #nobueno #LookFearInTheEyes

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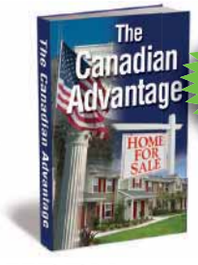

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Being released this weekend, The Watch was once called Neighbourhood Watch but had a name change after recent tragic events. HANDOUT

Keep Watch on the name game

Movie titles. Richard Crouse looks at the long history of studios and TV stations forced to change the names of films and shows

IN FOCUS
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This weekend a movie called The Watch is opening in theatres. The Ben Stiller comedy was originally called Neighborhood Watch but the February, 2012 shooting of Trayvon Martin by a neighborhood watch coordinator in Florida led to the change.

In a statement, 20th Century Fox said, "As the subject matter of this alien invasion comedy bears no relation whatsoever to the recent tragic events in Florida, the studio altered the title to avoid any accidental or unintended misimpression that it might."

The sad incident that prompted the name change was unusual, but title tweaking is commonplace in Hollywood.

Sometimes moniker modification happens for practical reasons.

In the early stages of development, American Pie was known as Teenage Sex Comedy That Can Be Made For Under $10 Million That Your Reader Will Love But The Executive Will Hate. That unwieldy name got the attention of Universal Studios who changed it to East Great Falls High and then Comfort Food before settling on American Pie.

The Tribal Rites of the New Saturday Night was also considered too long a name and changed to Saturday Night Fever, lifted from the Bee Gees song Night Fever.

A Roy Orbison song triggered the title of one of Julia Roberts's most famous movies.

Pretty Women went into production under the name 3,000, the amount Julia's working girl was paid for the night, but research showed audiences thought it sounded like the title of a sci-fi flick. Director Garry Marshal settled on the Oribson classic after listening to dozens of hit songs for inspiration.

Occasionally titles are changed to avoid confusion with other projects. Goodfellas was called Wiseguy but changed so as not be mistaken for the Ken Wahl television series. The Real World was the working title for Reality Bites, but was altered when MTV began airing a reality show of the same name.

One of the most famous James Bond titles was improved by a typo.

The story of a villain who creates the next day's headlines and then causes them to come true was called Tomorrow Never Lies, but when a marketing executive mistakenly typed Tomorrow Never Dies in a memo the mistake was deemed more catchy and commercial.

Finally, would you see a movie called Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? Marketers didn't think so and called it Blade Runner instead.

How about The Last First Kiss? That one became the Will Smith movie Hitch.

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Scene in brief

Polley's conflicting stories

A new documentary directed by Oscar-nominated Canadian Sarah Polley will debut at the Venice Film Festival. Produced by the National Film Board, Stories We Tell finds the Toronto filmmaker investigating the secrets behind a family of storytellers. Polley uses playful interviews with the family to explore their candid yet contradictory answers to the same questions. Thirty-three-year-old Polley's last film, Take This Waltz, starred Michelle Williams and Seth Rogen and premiered at last year's Toronto International Film Festival.

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On the web

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The Mob Doctor

Series loosely based on real mob doctor

Grace Devlin (Jordana Spiro) is a genius surgeon — with a family debt to the mob in The Mob Doctor.

The idea of a doctor living a double life and stitching up soldiers in the Chicago mob scene may seem far-fetched, and even creator Josh Berman thought so. But then he found a book about a real mob doctor called Il Dottore, on which the series is loosely built.

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TV critics get a sneak peek at Fox's new sitcom lineup

Coming soon. The Mindy Project, Ben and Kate just a few of the shows you can expect to see on Fox this fall

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Creator/executive producer Mindy Kaling, executive producer Matt Warburton and actor Chris Messina from The Mindy Project. HANDOUT

Monday was Fox day at the Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills.

Viewers who fell in love with New Girl last season have another smart, funny, messed-up woman to adore on the new sitcom The Mindy Project, from The Office writer and star Mindy Kaling.

Kaling plays Mindy, an OB/GYN who is great at her job, but not so much in her personal life.

When asked how she will keep that TV trope fresh, Kaling said: "There is this cliché … but that's also really true of me and all my friends. So you don't want to not do something that's relatable simply because you're worried that it might be cliché."

That balance, she said, is all in the execution. "Formula isn't bad if it's executed at a really high level. In fact, it can be kind of cosy and nice if the jokes are amazing and the acting is great."

Meanwhile, on The Office front, Kaling confirmed she would return for at least one episode this fall, and possibly one more.

Also new on the Fox comedy slate is Ben and Kate, created by Dana Fox and inspired by her brother, whom she refers to as Ferris Bueller-like in his antics and knack for getting in trouble.

Nat Faxon — who won a screenwriting Oscar for The Descendents and landed this sitcom the day after the Academy Awards — plays Ben, that wacky brother who becomes a father figure to Maddie (Maggie Elizabeth Jones), the daughter of his single-mom sister, Kate (Dakota Johnson).

"He's a really, really smart guy who intentionally does dumb things all the time," Fox says of her brother and, by extension, the character.

"We're very careful to never make him cross the line — if it goes too far (viewers will say), 'Ah I'm off the ride, no thank you.' It's really about keeping him grounded."

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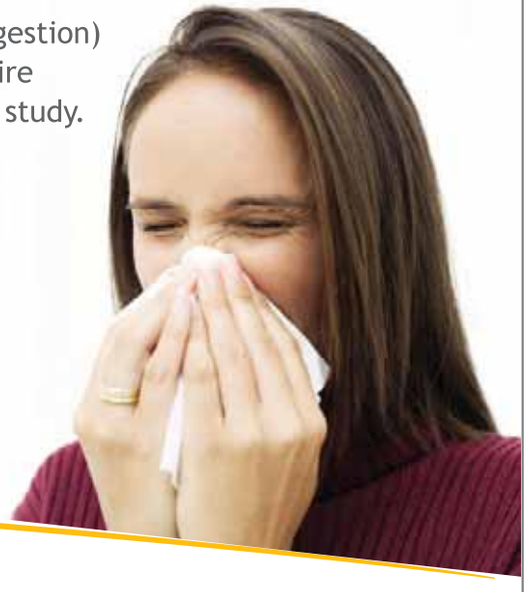

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Canadian actor Alan Thicke enters the 'icon' period of his long career

Hollywood success. Former Growing Pains star and comedy writer has no qualms poking fun at his wholesome image with self-deprecating cameos

Alan Thicke guest-stars as the star/producer of a fictional Christian TV show called Saying Grace in a scene with Cassie Steele. HANDOUT

Alan Thicke is dropping in for a quick four-episode arc on The L.A. Complex, a sudsy TV dramedy about starry-eyed young Canadians scrounging for opportunity in Hollywood.

The 65-year-old from Kirkland, Ont., can relate. But he has mostly fond memories of his own formative years in the early '70s, when he first moved to L.A. with the hopes of making it big as a writer.

"It's a happy time but a nervous time too," Thicke said. "You're looking for that job, you're looking for that break. It's a roller coaster of emotions for these people in real life."

Yet even four decades ago, Thicke remembers that Canadians tended to stick together.

On his first job-hunting treks down to L.A., he crashed with CBC director Terry Kyne, submitted material around town and tried to forge some connections.

When Thicke later found substantial success as a writer and TV star, he tried to pay such hospitality forward to other Canucks. "I did it for Alex Trebek. He stayed in my guest house. Shania Twain ended up on my sofa," he laughed.

But while the desperate denizens of the seedy apartment structure documented on The L.A. Complex are mostly 20-somethings, Thicke was personally more familiar with a younger class of Hollywood hopefuls when he hit it big, playing the psychiatrist patriarch Dr. Jason Seaver on Growing Pains.

And a full 20 years after bowing from the airwaves, Growing Pains is still keeping Thicke busy — sort of.

His arc as the mastermind behind an ecclesiastical family drama on L.A. Complex is just the latest in a series of quickie guest spots on network shows, many of which poke fun at Thicke's wholesome TV past.

On How I Met Your Mother, he portrayed himself with a false back story revolving around a collaboration with Cobie Smulders' Robin Scherbatsky on a cheesy '80s Canadian music video. In the Adam Sandler vehicle That's My Boy, he had a blink-and-you'll-miss-it cameo as the star of a bad TV movie.

The actor has a theory on why he's had so many calls for self-deprecating cameos. "I'm in the icon period (of my career), where everybody running the business now is in their 30s and that means they kind of grew up on me," he said with a laugh. "They all say, 'Hey, you raised me,' and then they want to meet me and see how fat or bald I am.

"So there's a friendly warmth and that's made me kind of the go-to guy for a lot of young shows." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sceneopolis

Speed to Young theatre and Plow through a new play

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In the midst of Hollywood's popcorn season of fluffy movies featuring car chases and superhero's it is fitting that one of Toronto's premiere theatre companies is staging a revival of the satirical David Mamet play, Speed the Plow. What better time than the dog days of summer to reflect on the idiosyncrasies of LaLa Land?

Plot wise Speed the Plow mocks the Hollywood production system. Its two primary characters Bobby Gould and Charlie Fox are two small-time producers about to make it big as they've secured a major Hollywood actor to star in a sure-fire hit and all they need is the proverbial green light. Caught in their crossfire is Bobby's new secretary, the supposedly attractive, albeit naïve, Karen, who has her own almost silent agent.

With Speed the Plow, Mamet is mocking the frenetic pace of Hollywood decision making where there is no moral rhyme or reason in show businesses.

Starring some of Toronto's finest talent, including Ari Cohen, Jordan Pettle and Sarah Wilson, Speed the Plow is an entertaining summer bet.

Speed the Plow is currently on stage at Young Centre for the Performing Arts in the Distillery District. It runs until Sept. 22.

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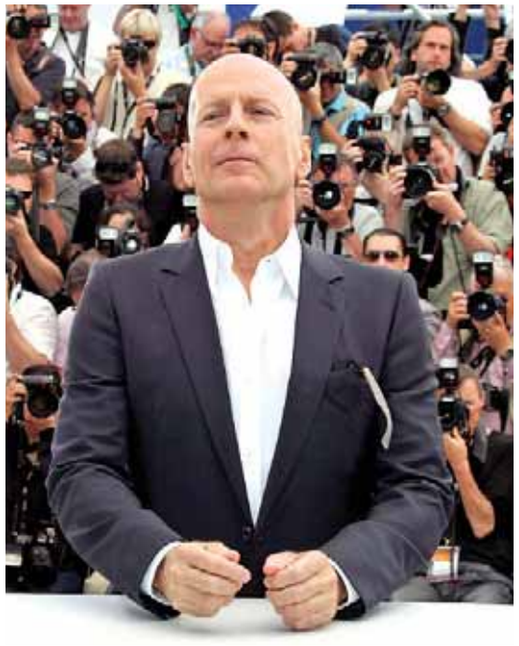
TIFF sends film fans for a Loop at this year's festival



Looper, starring Bruce Willis, will open this year's TIFF.
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Gala event. Bruce Willis' time travel thriller Looper will open this year's Toronto International Film Festival

This year's Toronto International Film Festival will open with the Bruce Willis time-travelling thriller Looper, and showcase projects starring A-listers Ben Affleck, Ryan Gosling, Tom Hanks, Rachel McAdams, Gwyneth Paltrow and Robert Redford.

Organizers revealed the gala and special selections at a press conference this morning and also touted the world premiere of Deepa Mehta's sweeping Salman Rushdie adaptation, Midnight's Children.

The fest's artistic director Cameron Bailey calls the mix "one of the most international and diverse" they've ever had. The big films include world premieres of Affleck's political thriller Argo, Hanks' centuries-spanning epic Cloud Atlas, Gosling's drama The Place Beyond the Pines and Paltrow's dramedy Thanks for Sharing.

The futuristic, time-travel flick Looper is about hitmen hired to kill victims from the future. Willis plays a man who is sent back in time to be killed by his younger self, played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt.

"The gala (section) especially is one of the most international and diverse that we've ever had and (includes) lots of films that I think people have been expecting to see.... We're just thrilled to have them here," Bailey said.

TIFF runs Sept. 6 to 16.

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Cameron Bailey
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Madonna being criticized in wake of Colorado shooting

Madonna is coming under fire for using fake guns in her stage show just days after the Aurora, Colo., movie theater massacre, according to the Daily Mail.

The singer was reportedly warned by police before her first performance in Scotland not to use the props, but did so anyway.

The fake guns used in the show include replicas of an AK47 assault rifle and a few handguns.

"Madonna and her dancers using replica guns was always in bad taste, but given what happened in Colorado it is even worse. She should know better," a spokesperson for Mothers Against Guns tells the newspaper.

But a source close to Madonna insists the singer is just sticking to her principles.

"Madonna would rather cancel her show than censor her art," the source tells the Huffington Post.

The Word

Katy Perry makes lewd gestures, also sky still blue

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Although Madonna is practically begging for someone to complain about her racy MDNA tour, it's Katy Perry who has found herself in legal trouble stemming from an April performance in India.

It seems the singer invited cricket player Doug Bollinger on stage to demonstrate how to hold a cricket bat, and the lesson — which involved Bollinger snuggling up behind Perry and grabbing her below-the-waist microphone — offended a lawyer in the audience enough to file a complaint.

In the case, which will be heard July 31, the lawyer claims that the gesture was "obscene and lascivious" and "distracted students who were writing exams at the time," according to The Sun.

Listen, guys — you're overreacting here. Katy Perry has drenched us with icing from her spinning cupcake bra, and our country's education system is totally fine.

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Katherine Jackson

Michael Jackson estate tearing his family apart

While Katherine Jackson may no longer be considered a missing person, her grandchildren still reportedly haven't been able to reach the 82-year-old, according to Us Weekly.

Katherine's son Jermaine insists that she's resting in Arizona on doctor's orders, while other family members are crying foul. Michael Jackson's 14-year-old daughter, Paris, in particular, "is a wreck and wants her grandma back immediately," a source says, adding that Paris and her brothers haven't spoken with the grandmother and legal guardian in more than a week.

"It is a war between family members. Paris is broken-hearted about what is happening and has begged the family to call a truce to allow her grandma back."

The executors of Michael Jackson's estate say they are concerned about the welfare of the singer's mother and his three children amid a family feud.

In a letter posted on fan sites Tuesday, executors John Branca and John McClain say they are doing what they can to protect those family members from "undue influences, bullying, greed, and other unfortunate circumstances."

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The currents in the river make it impossible to swim at Montreal's Clock Tower Beach. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hit the beach — but forget the swimming

Montreal. Sandy haven in city's Old Port is a great place for catching rays; just don't plan to take a dip

It sounded funny at first — a beach at Montreal's Old Port where there's no swimming.

But the scene is actually quite striking. Visitors can bury their feet in soft white sand as they gaze out at city landmarks and a parade of boats going up and down the St. Lawrence River.

Within view are the towering old Molson brewery, the steel trusses of Jacques-Cartier Bridge, and La Ronde, the city's offshore amusement park.

The river's strong current ruled out the possibility of making the beach open to swimming, and the closest sunbathers can get to water are the mist showers. So far, though, the new Clock Tower Beach has been a hit.

"I never thought it would be nice like this," said 65-year-old Pauline Angers, who lives just outside Montreal, as she sipped a juice under a parasol.

"It's lovely. There are so many places with pools, but you don't see this everywhere."

Located on a quay at the city's Old Port, the beach is named after the giant clock tower that stands at the water's edge, alongside a marina filled with motorboats and yachts.

It opened in mid-June, joining dozens of other nearby attractions at what has long been the city's tourist headquarters.

Visitors can amble along the boardwalk or turn into Old Montreal, where outdoor patio restaurants and artists showcasing their works line the cobblestone streets.

There are so many things to do and see — boat cruises, calèche rides, a kid-friendly science centre, a Cirque du soleil performance — that the beach may get passed over by many visitors.

That's not the case for nearby resident Jessica Diano, who decided to get a season's pass.

"I love it," said Diano, 30, as she sunbathed with three friends. "At first it was weird to not have the option to swim, but I don't mind."

In the evening, there's a refreshment stand at the beach offering food and drinks, providing a prime spot to watch fireworks during the summer months. The space may be a little less welcoming to children.

On a recent weekend afternoon, there were a few dozen people at the beach, but only a handful of kids. Without a pool, there's little for them to do but play with sand toys and cool off in the mist showers.

"I think if someone makes a trip specifically for this, I'm not sure if it's worth it," said Marco Quirion, who had biked to the beach from a Montreal suburb with his partner and two kids.

Angers disagrees.

She has already made several trips to the beach since it opened and plans to return. She said it's a great place to find a quiet haven just steps from the buzz of the city.

"Normally, you have to travel to find sand like this," she said.

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Clock Tower Beach visitor Jessica Diano

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3 LIFE

Travel in brief

Sleep in a London cab during the Olympics

A London taxi driver has come up with a novel way of solving the Olympic hotel dilemma: Visitors can sleep in his cab for $78. Cabbie David Weekes had feared that busy traffic throughout the Olympics and special road lanes for Olympic VIPs would mean fewer taxi fares. So he's converted his traditional black London taxi into a cozy single bed with a Union Jack blanket.

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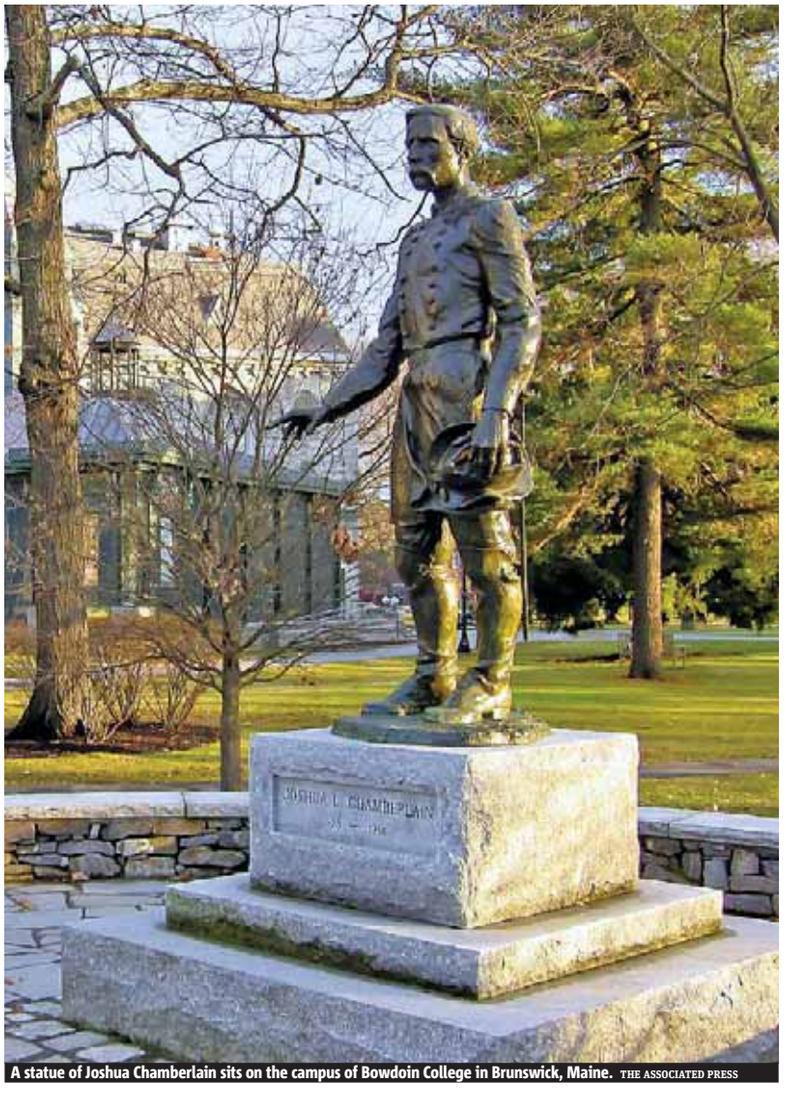

A statue of Joshua Chamberlain sits on the campus of Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brunswick, Maine: Where the Civil War began — and ended

Historic destination. From Harriet Beecher Stowe to Joshua Chamberlain, there's plenty here for the U.S. history buff

With Brunswick, Maine's connections to Harriet Beecher Stowe and Joshua Chamberlain, this town of 23,000 is sometimes called the place where the Civil War began and ended. But while Brunswick is a good destination for history buffs, it also has a lively restaurant scene, a first-rate art museum, and other attractions that earned it a spot on Smithsonian Magazine's 2012 list of America's best small towns.

Bowdoin College

Brunswick owes much of its lustre to Bowdoin College, which has brought many luminaries to this corner of Maine, from poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Scarlet Letter author Nathaniel Hawthorne, who both graduated from Bowdoin in 1825, to artist William Wegman, who opened his new show, Hello Nature, at the Bowdoin College Museum of Art on July 13.

Joshua Chamberlain and the Civil War

The town's Civil War history, which is getting renewed attention with the 150th anniversary of the war, also owes something to Bowdoin. Joshua Chamberlain, a Bowdoin graduate and professor, led the Union's defence of Little Round Top at the Battle of Gettysburg. But Chamberlain may have had his finest moment as the brigadier general who accepted the Confederacy's surrender at Appomattox in 1865.

"He insisted the Union soldiers treat the Southerners with respect and had them salute their fallen countrymen," said Bob Cecil, a volunteer docent who shows a painting of the surrender scene on tours of Chamberlain's Brunswick home.

Chamberlain's house, at 226 Maine St., is full of fascinating artifacts, from his leather boots, neatly patched from shrapnel at Gettysburg, to the lead ball extracted from his hip after he nearly died in a battle in Virginia, to the saddle worn by his beloved war horse Charlemagne.

Chamberlain was later elected Maine's governor, then served as Bowdoin president. Visitors to his home ranged from Helen Keller to Longfellow, who stayed there during his 50th Bowdoin class reunion and who'd also lived there years earlier.

First Parish Church and Harriet Beecher Stowe

Other Chamberlain landmarks include his grave at Pine Grove Cemetery and a black bronze statue near campus, across from the First Parish Church. The towering white Gothic Revival church, one of 14 Brunswick sites on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in the 1840s. The congregation, which dates to 1717, holds regular Sunday services, but those who want a peek inside other times can inquire at the church office, 9 Cleaveland St.

Prominent speakers at the church have included Martin Luther King Jr. and Eleanor Roosevelt, but visitors usually want to see where Stowe and Chamberlain sat. (Both pews are marked.) Chamberlain married the daughter of the church

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pastor, even though, according to Cecil, the minister "didn't think Chamberlain would amount to much."

Stowe's husband, a minister who taught at Bowdoin, sometimes preached at First Parish, which was a hotbed of abolitionism. Stowe was sitting in a pew in 1851 when she had a "vision" that became a scene in her novel, Uncle Tom's Cabin. The book so inflamed anti-slavery passions that when President Lincoln met Stowe, he reportedly called her the "little woman" who started the war.

The house where Stowe lived at 63 Federal St., a National Historic Landmark owned by Bowdoin, is not open to the public, but through the rear windows, you can see reproductions of letters Stowe wrote and a sign from when the house was the Stowe House and Motor Inn. Longfellow also lived here many years before Stowe; Hawthorne lived down the street at No. 76.

Wegman at the museum

Another must-see is the Wegman show, on view through Oct. 21. The Bowdoin museum broke attendance records last summer with a show of Edward Hopper landscapes. Bowdoin College president Barry Mills says he's "confident there will be thousands more" coming to see Hello Nature. Martha Stewart blogged about attending the opening; both she and Wegman summer in Maine.

For those tempted to dismiss Wegman as a gimmicky photographer who, as one passer-by was overheard to say, takes pictures of "dogs in dresses," this show may change your mind. While there are pictures of Wegman's famous Weimaraners canoeing and wearing red plaid flannel, other works range from riffs on classic '50s-style family camping scenes, to paintings Wegman created around quirky vintage postcards. Wegman said the show is "more or less but not always about nature, and more or less but not always about Maine."

Steps from the art museum, Bowdoin's Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum in Hubbard Hall tells the story of Arctic explorers Robert E. Peary, who reached the North Pole in 1909, and Donald MacMillan, both Bowdoin grads. Also on display now is a show of miniature Inuit carvings.

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Better pack a brolly because London rain is falling down

Olympics. Visitors to England's capital will require something to shield them from its infamous downpours — here's all you need to know about buying a brolly in the city

The only thing certain about the Olympics is that visitors will need umbrellas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gold, silver, bronze: No matter who wins what at the London Olympics, a million or more visitors will need to get themselves an umbrella, more affectionately known as a 'brolly.'

It was the wettest June on record and July is trying hard to beat that.

Clearly it's time to go shopping.

Tartans and Animal Heads

It rains so much in Britain that a store devoted to umbrellas has thrived since 1830 — James Smith & Sons, Umbrellas Ltd.

One section has a dozen tartans, another has brollies with big thick stripes possibly related to obscure sporting clubs. They are sturdy and good-looking though. You could whack a London rioter with one of these if need be, use them as ladies' hand weight.

For 75 to 80 pounds ($116 to $132), you can walk away with a wooden duck handle on your brolly. Ditto ones with parrots, foxes, cats, dogs, even a dinosaur. On the other hand, what are you doing, trying to pretend you have a moat?

Still, the folding umbrella section inspires definite brolly envy, with some so compact they could fit into clutch. This is where girlie-girl options run riot. Ruffles and Degas ballet dancers, mock-Burberry plaids and polka dots, brollies in hot pink, teal blue, blinding chartreuse. Those craving attention in an Olympic crowd should look no further.

"My sister will be crazy about a clear umbrella like this, it's a gift for her," said Mario Marcari, a tourist from Brazil.

Others sought quality and tradition.

"Black is the new black," explained Doug Knowles of San Francisco, who travels often to London on business. "In the business world I would look odd carrying around polka dots."

The quietly professional staff demonstrate to customers the sturdiness of umbrellas with steel shafts, teach them how to press spring-loaded buttons so brollies pop into action without blinding family members.

Sun shades

James Smith & Sons still sells what used to be called parasols for 155 to 145 pounds ($225 to $240) for both men and women but only in cream and white. The chances are nil, however, that Britain will see enough sun to drag these babies out. And after a few days on the island, you will start craving vitamin D.

Off to the tourist traps

Those with a thinner wallet can go to Camden and other outdoor markets where the ubiquitous "I love London" and Union Jack brollies cost three to five pounds each ($4.70 to $7.80). Still, don't they just announce your lack of imagination to the rooftops? If one must go the cheapie tourist route, a London Underground brolly for ten pounds ($15.50) has a classic, recognizable design.

For a unique look, artists at the markets also use umbrellas as canvases, painting them like others do sneakers.

The sports brolly debate

As the New York Yankees have shown, team logos can travel worldwide. Top English Premier League teams like Manchester United, Arsenal, Liverpool and Chelsea all sell brollies with logos, starting at 24.99 pounds ($38.60) on up for those they call 'Gustbusters.'

Truth is, they're mostly for wives, girlfriends and tourists. At a game, it's impossible to chant obscenities at opposing teams while carrying a brolly and still keep your manhood intact. Plus blocking another fan's view of the pitch could start a mini-riot. Not to mention that carrying the wrong logo is a good recipe for a bar fight in some parts of town.

"They're drunk, they stand in the rain," a London-based sportswriter said, explaining British fans. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he stands in the rain every week too.

The sports umbrella debate even has its own class divide. The posh crowds watching tennis at Wimbledon ALWAYS have brollies and have been taught from a young age how to scrunch down low so people behind them can

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still see the tennis.

Brolly fashionistas

For those wanting a more sophisticated look, it's time to hit the museum gift shops. The British Museum alone has about a dozen brollies, ranging from 16.99 pounds ($26) for a Shakespeare Floral design to 26.99 pounds ($41.60) for one that reveals London landmarks when it gets wet. Trendy types seek brollies that prove they have been to the latest art exhibition, but old standbys like a Rosetta Stone umbrella (16.99 pounds, $26) could flash your archaeology IQ.

Masters of the Universe brollies

In Mayfair, London's wealthy hedge fund neighbourhood, the enormous golf umbrella with a fund logo is de rigueur. But you can't buy them — adding to their allure — and you must be part of the tribe to know which fund is hot this month, which is not and which is the next Ponzi scheme. Plus you will get in trouble with Olympic security (see below).

Listen to the Olympic security staff

Are the uncovered spikes on a tattered umbrella a weapon?

Apparently not. But the staff did have one big plea for visitors — NO GOLF UMBRELLAS. They will be confiscated. You will be angry. You could get wet. This was allegedly written in extremely fine print somewhere in the instructions about Olympic tickets, but the guards know thousands will be upset when their brollies are permanently detained.

They say they hate being the bad guys.

And no walking-length umbrellas with steel tips either. Stick to the folding ones.

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Take a walk down Olympic memory lane in these cities

Go for the gold. Former Olympic hosts offer plenty of activities for those seeking to relive sporting glory

This track at the Athletic Centre in Sydney was used in warm-up at the 2000 Olympics. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sydney and Melbourne, Australia

The bulk of the Sydney Games in 2000 took place at Sydney Olympic Park, a short train ride from the city's centre. The opening and closing ceremonies were held in what is now ANZ Stadium. As part of the tour, you can pose for photos standing on a medal stand — take your pick of gold, silver or bronze. An extended, pricier Gantry Tour takes you high above the field along steel mesh walkways used by crews to access lighting and sound equipment. Track and field events also took place there, though the actual track used was rolled up like a carpet and moved to the warm-up area of the nearby Athletic Centre. (The main track at the Athletic Centre had been used for warm-up during the Olympics.) The Athletic Centre is open for recreational use when there isn't an event scheduled, with either the main or warm-up track open on a given day. The Aquatic Centre has an Olympic-size pool, naturally, open to the public for lap swimming. Diving competition also took place there (you can walk by, but can't use the diving pool, though). Families may be more interested in the indoor water playground next to the Olympic warm-up pool. After your swim, you can play tennis or try out archery at other venues around the Olympic Park.

In Sydney, you can swim in the same pool where Ian Thorpe won five Olympic medals in 2000. In Berlin, you can pose for photos in the stadium where Jesse Owens won four gold medals in 1936. In Lake Placid, N.Y., you can skate on the same rink where Eric Heiden speed skated his way to five golds in 1980.

You don't have to go to London to enjoy the Olympics. Many venues used for past Olympic Games are still standing, some in modified form. A few are open for public sporting use, while many others offer tours for a fee. Many Olympic cities also have sports museums with heavy doses of Olympic memorabilia.

If you're taking a trip to a city with an Olympic past, you might want to fit in a visit to the Olympic stadium or museum. Here are some places to consider:

The Olympiastadion Berlin, where U.S. gold medalist Jesse Owens won four gold medals during the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin.

Berlin and Munich, Germany

Germany hosted two notorious games: The 1936 Berlin Olympics, which Adolf Hitler tried to turn into a showcase of Aryan supremacy, and the 1972 Munich Olympics, marred by a hostage crisis that left 11 Israelis dead.

You see the majestic Olympic Gate — two towers holding up the Olympic rings — as you approach Olympiastadion Berlin.

Next to the stadium is the tower and parade grounds used by the Nazis for military and political ceremonies.

A tour takes you to the stands overlooking the track area where Jesse Owens and other athletes competed. You can see the unlit cauldron at one end of the stadium. You can also see the balcony from which Hitler had watched the games, though it had been shortened after World War II as part of de-Nazification efforts.

Sign up for the Berlin Marathon in September, and you may also get to run on the track the morning before the race. It's not the original track surface, though.

Many of Munich's events took place at Olympiapark. The main stadium was used for the opening and closing ceremonies, track and field and soccer. With a tour, you get to walk on the track.

The tour also takes you to a VIP lounge filled with Olympic artifacts such as torches from past games and shoes worn by some of the athletes, including Kenya's Kipchoge Keino, who won gold in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 1972.

A wall display of key moments includes a newspaper headline on the massacre.

The athletes' village where the terrorism acts took place is still around, used mostly for offices and housing these days. Visits are discouraged. Instead, check out a memorial at the Olympic park.

For details about tours and fees, see:

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Elsewhere

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The National Stadium was the site of the opening and closing ceremonies, track and field events and soccer and is notable for its architecture — steel "twigs" on the outside form a massive, curving nest. See n-s.cn/en .

The National Aquatics Center, where Michael Phelps won eight golds in 2008, is dubbed the Water Cube for its blue, bubble-like exterior. It's a water park these days. Details are at water-cube.com, though you might need an online translating service to read the Chinese-language site.

Barcelona, Spain, which hosted the 1992 Summer Olympics, offers free entrance to the stadium, but a museum next door charges an admission fee. The museum has a brief discussion on the Ancient Olympics in Greece, but focuses on modern times and has an extensive collection from the Barcelona Games.

If museums and stadiums aren't your style, you can visit the shops and cafes at Port Olimpic, a waterfront section of Barcelona revived for the games. Yachting events took place off that harbour.

If you're adventurous, head to the Arctic island of Spitsbergen. Part of the Olympic athletes' village from the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, was moved there after the games and is now a Radisson hotel.

You can also sign up for the Athens Classic Marathon in November and run roughly the same route of the 1896 and 2004 Olympics in Athens. The route somewhat traces the journey that Pheidippides, according to legend, ran in 490 B.C. to deliver news of a battle victory.

If there's another Olympic city you're visiting, Wikipedia is a good start for figuring out where the events took place.

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Lake Placid, New York

Located about five hours north of New York City, Lake Placid hosted the Winter Olympics in 1932 and 1980. Several of the venues are still open for tours and recreational use, though some are operational only during the winter season.

Die-hard fans may want to ride the bobsled. It's the actual one used in competition, though you only get to ride part of it, with a professional escort.

If you are brave, you can also ride the head-first skeleton run, though it wasn't an Olympic event during either of the Lake Placid Games.

While there, you can tour the Olympic Center, where the U.S. ice hockey team defeated the Soviets in what has become known as the Miracle on Ice. You can skate in one of its indoor rinks. The outdoor speed skating oval is open during the winter months and is the same one used by Eric Heiden and other Olympic athletes in 1980.

A separate tour is available for the Olympic ski-jumping complex, and Whiteface Mountain is open for skiing during the winter. Lake Placid also hosts an Olympic museum downtown.

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Where to eat

It's nearly impossible to have a bad meal anywhere, but the Lot boasts two one-star Michelin restaurants: Le Gindreau (legindreau.com) in St. Medard, home of the gregarious and elaborately mustachioed chef Alexis Pelissou, and Le Balandre (balandre.com) in Cahor's Hotel Terminus.

For a more relaxed atmosphere but a no less exquisite meal, try La Recreation in nearby Les Arques, housed in a former schoolhouse and the subject of From Here You Can't See Paris, one of two invaluable books chronicling the Lot by Michael S. Sanders.

The tiny village also houses a museum to post-Cubist artist Ossip Zadkine, who lived and worked there; the local church houses a striking crucifixion and pieta by the artist.

On the other end of the spectrum, it's possible to eat on the very farm where the food (here, many of them are centred around ducks for foie gras) is grown or raised, like Ferme Aux delices de la Serpt, where you can peek in on the live ducks before stocking up.

Where to stay

To live the medieval experience full-time, visitors can stay at the 13th-century Chateau de Mercues (chateaudemercues.com), overlooking the Lot. But the valley is also well-stocked with more intimate and charming (and much less expensive) chambres d'hotes, the French equivalent to the bed and breakfast (chambresdhotesfrance.com).

Where to go

The Lot's population centre is the city of Cahors, site of the iconic 14th-century Pont Valentre bridge. But a journey to the Lot is about the rural, not the urban, so it's best to strike out from Cahors and explore the countryside.

There are hundreds of wineries throughout the valley, most of which offer tastings of the local Vin de Cahors, which consists largely of the Malbec grape (cahorsmalbec.com). The region's history is on display along every winding mountain road, but can be more fully explored at Chateau de Castelnaud (castelnaud.com), a restored fortress from the Middle Ages, or Rocamadour (rocamadour.com), a dramatic cliffside village with its 15th-century church built into the rocks.

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Eat anything

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But also learn to cook

If you cook for yourself, you have less chance of getting sick — and you save money. Plan to shop once a week in a city to stock up on meat and other supplies to store in the fridge, rather than getting stuck buying sketchy roadside supplies, like "steak" from a long-dead cow.

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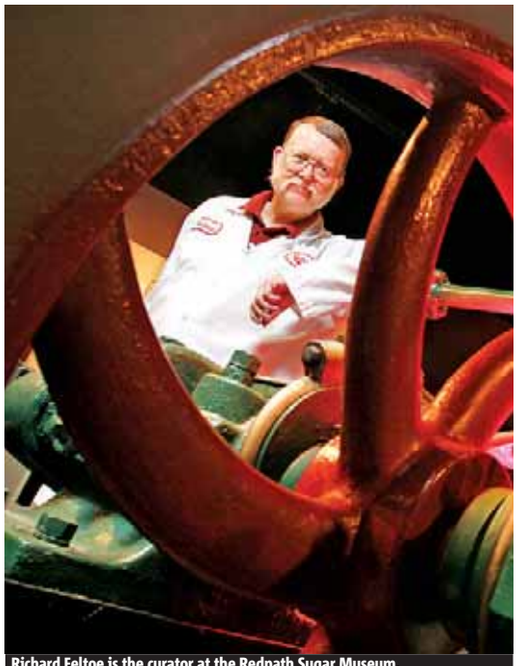
Redpath Sugar Museum: The sweetest place in Toronto



Richard Feltoe is the curator at the Redpath Sugar Museum.
TORY ZIMMERMAN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

City landmark. Learn a little about Canada's oldest sugar refining company — and watch the boats come in from the Caribbean

Anyone with a sweet tooth will be fascinated to learn about Canada's oldest sugar refining company during a free visit to the Redpath Sugar Museum.

The museum, housed within the hulking refinery on the Toronto waterfront, is chockfull of exhibits on the refining of sugar and the making of sugar products. Sugar has been around for centuries. It was imported in Canada's early days, but John Redpath's creation of the refinery made it widely available and gave him a monopoly.

Curator Richard Feltoe, who's been welcoming school groups and independent visitors alike for decades, tailors his tours to everyone's interests with facts and figures galore on manufacturing, production and nutrition. Redpath Sugar was started by John Redpath, a stonemason who immigrated from Scotland to Montreal and became one of the largest building contractors in Canada.

Before he got going with the sugar business at age 57 in 1854, he was involved in the building of Montreal's General Hospital, Notre-Dame Basilica and parts of McGill University.

But it was the work he did on a transportation network that included the Lachine and Rideau canals that opened up the interior of Canada. The Redpath Sugar factory was located on the banks of the Lachine. But by 1900, the canal was too narrow to accommodate ocean-going vessels.

"They began looking for an alternate facility and picked the Toronto waterfront which was being infilled at that time. The plant was constructed between 1957 to 1959 to coincide with the opening of St. Lawrence Seaway, which allowed large ocean-going vessels to reach Toronto. And that's why we are here today," Feltoe explains.

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Agave-BBQ Roasted Chicken: All the sweet taste, none of the hangover

Agave nectar — the current darling of the alternative sweetener world — is made from the same plant that is used to produce tequila. And it goes down so much easier (squeeze of lime and dash of salt are optional).

But let's start with some basics. Agave nectar is an amber liquid that resembles honey, but has a cleaner, sweeter, even fruitier flavour. Not long ago it was mostly unheard of in North America, existing primarily in the backwaters of the natural foods world.

In recent years, it has evolved into a booming $200 million industry. Suddenly, it's being used in everything from ketchup and barbecue sauce to baked goods and ice cream.

Here it's used to make a delicious roasted chicken.

Agave-Barbecue Roasted Chicken

This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 3- to 5-lb whole chicken
- Kosher salt and black pepper

Barbecue sauce

- 6-oz can tomato paste
- 5 tbsp agave syrup
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 5 tbsp cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp black pepper

1. Heat the oven to 400 F.

2. Place chicken on cutting board with breast down. Use kitchen shears to cut from neck hole down the length of the backbone and out the rump. Repeat on the other side of the backbone. Discard the backbone. The cutting will require a little effort, but the shears should cut through the bones without too much difficulty. Spread open the chicken, exposing the cavity.

3. Sprinkle inside with salt and pepper. Overturn the chicken and place it cavity side down in a roasting pan just a bit larger than the chicken. Gently press the chicken to flatten. Season over and under the skin with salt and pepper. Cover tightly with foil and roast for 30 minutes.

4. Meanwhile, prepare the barbecue sauce. In a medium bowl, whisk together all ingredients. Set aside.

5. After the chicken has roasted for 30 minutes, remove the pan from the oven and remove the foil. Use a pastry brush to brush the barbecue sauce thickly over the entire chicken. Return the chicken to the oven and roast for another 30 minutes, or until the meat at the thickest part reaches 165 F.

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Drink of the Week

Orange-Lemon-Lime Tea-Ade

- 8 bags black tea
- 4 bags mint tea
- 6 cups boiling water
- 3/4 cup sugar
- Ice
- Juice of 4 oranges
- Juice of 2 lemons and 2 limes

In a 1-gallon pitcher, combine the black tea bags, mint tea bags and boiling water. Let steep for 5 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to remove the tea bags, squeezing them over the pitcher to extract as much liquid as possible. Add the sugar, stirring until it is dissolved. Stir in the orange, lemon and lime juices, then add enough ice to fill the pitcher.

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Creamy Chicken Burgers. Treat diners to upscale twist

Give ho-hum burgers a pass and grill an upscale chicken version topped with cream cheese, olives and tomato pesto served on ciabatta or focaccia loaves.

Ingredients

Creamy Chicken Burger

- 650 g (1 1/3 lb) ground chicken
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sun-dried tomato pesto
- 1 egg
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) bread-crumbs
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Garnish

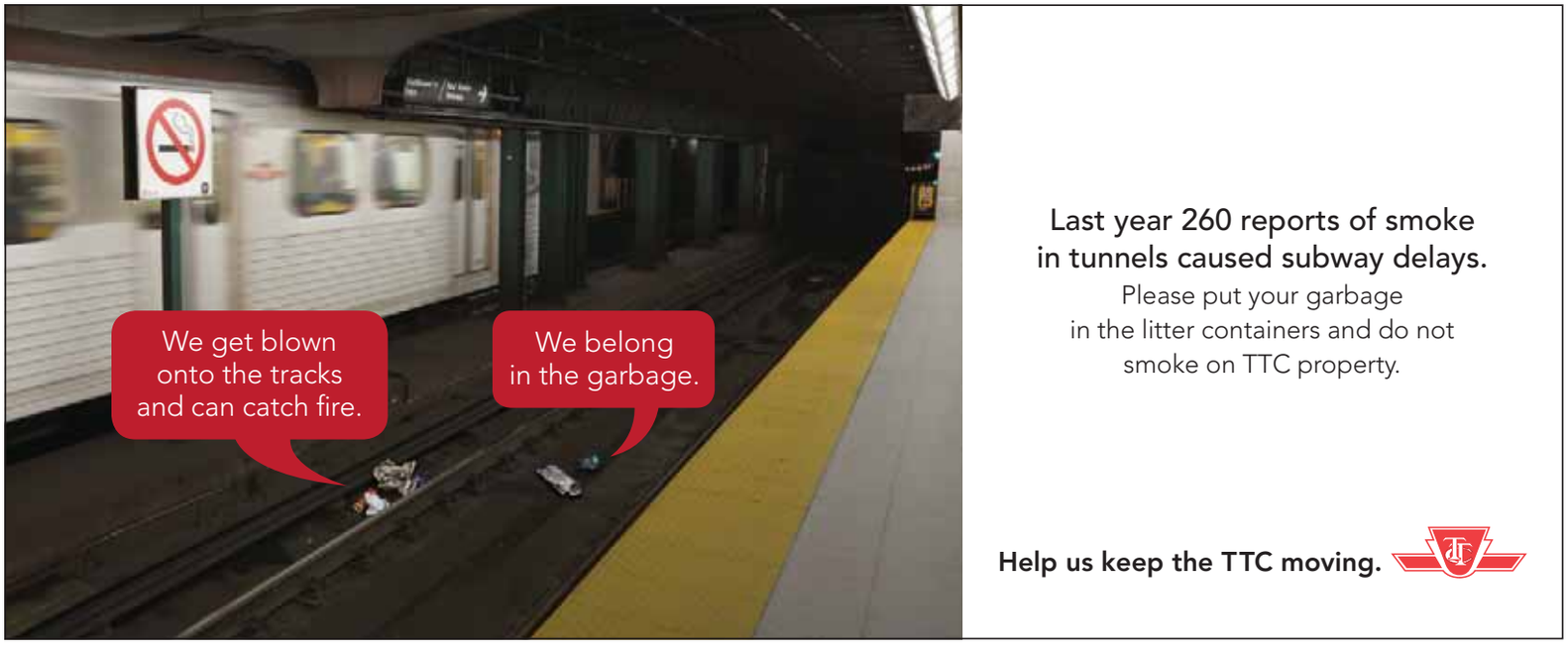
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) cream cheese, softened
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) sliced green olives
- 4 to 6 lettuce leaves, washed and patted dry
- 4 to 6 small olive ciabatta or olive focaccia loaves

1. Heat barbecue to medium-high or oven to 220 C (425 F).

2. In a mixing bowl, place chicken, pesto, egg and bread crumbs. Season with salt and pepper and combine. Divide mixture into 4 to 6 portions and shape into patties.

3. Place patties on grill or on parchment-lined baking sheet on centre rack of oven. Cook burgers for 12 to 14 minutes, turning only once.

4. In a small bowl, blend cream cheese and olives. Heat buns and top with cream cheese mixture. Add patties and lettuce and serve. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA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The heat of the hunt.
Rebuild your summer job search momentum as August approaches

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Have you noticed a position that wouldn't sync with your skills? Wipe that frown off your face and pass the info on to a qualified pal. ISTOCK

It's late-July and you're still having no luck on the summer job front. You've slowly fallen into the swing of sleeping until noon and sitting poolside for the afternoon with a pitcher of Sangria in hand, completely giving up on the idea of making any sort of income over the summer months.

However, just because the July heat is making you melt doesn't mean your motivation has to melt along with it. These steps can help you transform your lazy summer days into productive ones while still leaving time for an afternoon beer on the patio.

Shed the PJs
Get up early and go for a run before the heat kicks in. Get dressed. Eat a full breakfast. Doing these things sets you in gear and makes it much less likely for you to spend the day lounging.

Manage your time
Making cold calls, revamping your resumé and writing thank you notes after interviews don't sound like a fun ways to spend your afternoon.

Try setting a timer for 15 minutes, three times a day and doing something you don't want to do during those three intervals. The time will fly by and you'll accomplish more by working hard for short periods of time.

Share the love
See a job posting that would be perfect for your other unemployed friend? Hear an ad for something your younger cousin could try out? Let them know about it. Helping others succeed will motivate you to do so as well. Not only that, but passing along information encourages others to do the same for you and allows you to network without even trying.

Get creative

Use your imagination

- If you're feeling desperate for some dough, think of ways to rake it in without relying on a job. Donate items from your overflowing closet to a consignment store. See if your neighbours need any odd jobs done.
- Call your local employment centre to see if they have any temp jobs you could apply for. Accessing all your outlets may bring forth results you didn't even consider before.

A good deed a day keeps the doctor away
Instead of escaping the heat by parking it in front of some Family Feud, use that time to do something nice for someone else. Vacuum the house. Make dinner. Organize your mom's bookshelf. (I did that and she threw me a 20. Just sayin'.) Not only will others appreciate this, but the more things you do the more motivated you will be to continue being productive with your time. Half the battle is simply getting out of a lazy funk.

Put your mind at ease
Pick one thing that is really troubling you and brainstorm ways to deal with it. For example, if you're stressing about how to foot your rent cheques for the school year, get on your student loan application. Examine your class schedule to see if you can fit in a part-time job for the fall. Create a budget. Getting your worries under control one at a time will make the bigger picture less stressful overall.

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So you've beefed up your resumé, networked with everyone from your next door neighbour to your college professors, and applied all over town, but somehow, it's July and the most work you've gotten has been the few dollars your parents threw to you for clearing out the shed.

If you're still on the hunt for summer work and employers aren't biting, it may be time to caste a wider net.

Why you should widen your summer job search

Widening your summer job search takes a shift in perspective. Give some thought to why you need a summer job so badly. Is it for the money? Is it for the experience? Is it for your resume? Your answers to these questions will help determine how broad your search should be and what jobs you could be applying to.

The positions you get may not be your dream job but with the right attitude, they may be just what your summer needs.

Transferable skills

Though these summer jobs may not be what you want to do long term, the skills can "transfer" to future positions in your desired field. As a liberal arts student who liked writing, I wasn't really looking to make my way in the healthcare system or retail industry, but what I learned from working in those industries was invaluable.

Every job, no matter what it is, will give you transferable skills. From working in a hospital job, I learned patience and how to adapt to an unfamiliar work environment. From my position at a shoe store, I learned customer service, how to handle money, and how businesses are run.

You might like it

Your mom used to say it when she was trying to force feed you broccoli and it is still true now: you never know if you'll like something unless you try it. Getting exposure to different entry level positions and work environments could open you up to new career paths or interests that you hadn't previously considered.

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As I was about to graduate I had not found a full-time job that was relevant to my education or my future goals. The process of finding a relevant job took me six months.

Luckily, I had been working at Rogers Communications part-time throughout school and continued working there while searching for a full-time job. I understood that the market was competitive and decided to differentiate myself by pursuing my Certified Associate of Project Management (CAPM) designation through the Project Management Institute, which I successfully obtained.

Aside from this, I spent many hours reviewing job listings, applying for jobs and learning about career search strategies.

Where I am now

I currently work at Ingram Micro as a Licensing Coordinator. My short-term goal is to pursue a MBA at a reputable business school in September 2013.

My recommendations

My recommendation to schools and career centres is to invest time and resources in the professional development of students at least in the fourth year. Many students graduate with exceptional grades and are left hanging in regards to job search and networking strategies.

The biggest challenge I faced was that employers required corporate experience for entry-level jobs. Employers need to understand that, although for obvious reasons some recent graduates may not have corporate experience, graduates can definitely contribute through their education, their part-time work experience and through their extra-curricular experience. Like many students, I invested a lot of time into extra-curricular activities while in school. Employers should appreciate this and understand that students can apply the skills they obtained through their experience to the job.

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"It was absolutely essential that they understand and believe that we are doing everything possible to ice a Stanley Cup-competing team each and every season."

A release from the Nashville Predators after the team matched the staggering offering sheet made by the Philadelphia Flyers for defenceman Shea Weber. The Predators will pay Weber $110 million US over 14 years. In the release, the Predators said they wanted to send a message to their fans that they remain committed to fielding a Stanley Cup contender.

Mobile sports

Ichiro Suzuki's skills might be on the downswing, but his star still shines bright back home. After 12 1/2 years in Seattle, "the top Japanese athlete in the world" was traded to the Yankees on Monday and now, with a realistic chance to win a World Series, has created tremendous buzz in his motherland. Scan the code for the story.

The Memorial Cup, minus two figurines, is displayed during an event with the Shawinigan Cataractes as president Real Breton speaks on May 31 at the legislature in Quebec City. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Cataractes D-man sorry for damaging trophy

CHL. Shawinigan's Donnelly will have to pay for repairs to Memorial Cup, team general manager says

Shawinigan Cataractes defenceman Dillon Donnelly has apologized for damaging the Memorial Cup and said it was an accident.

But the son of former NHL rearguard Gord Donnelly will be billed for the repairs by the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League team.

The 19-year-old Colorado Avalanche prospect sent a message on Twitter on Tuesday that said: "Breaking the Memorial Cup was an accident. I picked it up, lost my balance and dropped it. There was no intention to break. I'm sorry."

The junior hockey championship trophy looked like a wreck in pictures published this week. The metal cup at the top was bashed in and the wooden base was cracked. Each player on the championship team is allowed 24 hours to celebrate with the cup at home, provided the team takes out $50,000 in insurance against damages.

Cataractes general manager Martin Mondou said Donnelly will have to pay.

"You have to be responsible for your behaviour," he said.

Mondou had not yet spoken to Donnelly about the damages, but said the issue "will be resolved between us, the league and the kid. Nobody else."

Two figurines of hockey players on either side of the cup were missing, but they fell off long before Donnelly had the trophy on July 13 in Montreal. Mondou said the figurines came off twice when the team was presented the cup following their victory on home ice in the final against the London Knights in May.

The Canadian Hockey League, the umbrella group for the three Canadian-based major junior leagues, has asked that the cup be returned immediately to Toronto.

Some Cataractes players who had not yet had their day with the cup will miss their turn, said Photi Sotiropoulos, spokesman for the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

He said the team is held responsible for the cup, not any individual players.

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Replica

- The original 1919 Memorial Cup is kept permanently at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.
- The damaged one is a replica, but can cost thousands of dollars to repair when badly damaged.

NHL labour talks

NHLPA is close to making its CBA counter-proposal

The NHL Players' Association is almost ready to table its own vision for a new collective bargaining agreement.

As negotiations with the NHL resumed Tuesday, NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr indicated that the union was getting close to responding to the league's initial proposal, which included a decreased share of hockey-related revenue, term limits on contracts and a 22 per cent salary rollback.

"I doubt that it will be weeks plural," said Fehr. "But could it be two? Yeah. It could be two, it could be less."

The sides have entered gently into talks. This week's three-day session in Toronto marks the fifth consecutive week Fehr and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman have sat across the table from one another, but they still seem to be feeling their way into the process.

The NHL delivered its initial CBA proposal to the union during a bargaining session on July 13. In response, the NHLPA requested a "fair amount of additional information," according to Fehr.

"They've indicated that they're in the process of compiling it and will get it to us," Fehr said.

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NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada can expect to catch 22 in London

The Canadian Olympic Committee and Own the Podium set a goal of a top-12 finish for Canada at the London Olympics.

Using the 2008 Beijing Games as a gauge, that's 24 medals.

Canada's previous high was 22 in 1996. Canada tied for 14th in Beijing with 18 medals and was 19th at the 2004 Games in Athens with 12.

Here are some predictions of where Canada's medals will come from:

BOXING, 1 medal: Mary Spencer may have needed an assist from the IOC to get to London after losing her first bout at the world championships in May, but the three-time world champ can't be overlooked.

CANOE/KAYAK, 1 medal: Kayaker Adam van Koeverden has worked too hard on his 1,000 metres not to win a fourth career Olympic medal.

CYCLING, 2 medals: Two is conservative. Canada is a contender on the road, track and trail. Mountain biker Catharine Pendrel is a favourite for gold.

DIVING, 2 medals: Jennifer Abel is a potential double medallist in women's individual springboard and synchro springboard with Emilie Heymans. Alex Despatie brings the experience of winning two Olympic medals, but he's coming off a head injury.

EQUESTRIAN, 1 medal: Canada has depth in dressage, eventing and show jumping. The best bet for a medal is in team show jumping.

GYMNASTICS, 2 medals: Between them, Rosannagh MacLennan and three-time medallist Karen Cockburn should produce a medal in women's trampoline. If both can, bonus.

ROWING, 4 medals: Canadian rowers have a tradition of making the podium and they are expected to continue that trend in London.

SWIMMING, 3 medals: Distance freestyler Ryan Cochrane is chasing two medals. Julia Wilkinson, Martha McCabe, Brent Hayden and open-water swimmer Richard Weinberger are podium possibilities.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING, 1 medal: The team of Elise Marcotte and Marie-Pier Boudreau-Gagnon were fourth in the world last year.

TAEKWONDO, 1 medal: A silver medallist in Beijing, Karine Sergerie remains ranked No. 2 in the world in the 67-kilogram class.

TRACK-AND-FIELD, 1 medal: Anything less than a medal from shot putter Dylan Armstrong is underachieving. Jessica Zelinka has an outside shot in heptathlon.

TRIATHLON, 1 medal: The question is who can produce it? Paula Findlay was the woman to beat until she was injured a year ago. What she'll do in London is a mystery. Otherwise, it's up to veteran Simon Whitfield or Kyle Jones, who has begun to establish himself in the world's elite.

WRESTLING, 2 medals: Olympic champ Carol Huynh attempts to defend her 48-kilogram title, while Ms. Reliable Tonya Verbeek looks for a third Olympic medal. Martine Dugrenier and Leah Callahan are contenders, too.

TOTAL: 22 medals.

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'Melo fantastic in friendly versus Spain

U.S. forward Carmelo Anthony, centre, duels for the ball with Serge Ibaka and Pau Gasol on Tuesday during an Olympic exhibition game in Barcelona, Spain. Anthony came off the bench to score 23 of his 27 points in the first half, and the Americans beat Spain 100-78 on in a rematch of the 2008 gold-medal game — and possible preview of the next one. DAVID RAMOS/GETTY IMAGES

Canuck women in tough early

Soccer. On eve of Olympic opener, Canadian team discusses matchup with world champion Japan

John Herdman hasn't had to bolster his players with any special messages of motivation, or implement any team-building strategies since they touched down in England.

Ten months after he took on the task of mending the battered psyche of Canada's women's soccer team, and a day before his squad opens its London Olympic campaign, the coach said his players are all-business, and more than ready.

"That's the brilliance of this group, there's a maturity there," Herdman said following his team's final practice in Coventry before its opener. "They're managing internally everything they need to, to be ready for the Games. So my message has been really simple: Keep doing what you're doing."

Quoted

"They're a pleasure to watch and have taken the women's game to another level in terms of technical ability."

Canada women's soccer coach John Herdman on Wednesday's matchup with Japan.

The Canadians open versus World Cup champion Japan in Coventry on Wednesday, two days before the opening ceremonies. Canada is seeking redemption after a horrible showing at the World Cup last summer in Germany — a last-place finish that led to the departure of coach Carolina Morace and the hiring of Herdman.

The Canadians face what could be their toughest test of the tournament, playing a Japanese squad that knocked off the perennial power United States in a penalty shootout to win the World Cup in Germany.

Canadian midfielder Sophie Schmidt calls Japan a "Barcelona-type team."

"Japan is a special team, just in the way they pass the ball," Schmidt said. "We've had discussions. We know we won't have the ball for most of the game, so we just have to take advantage when we do, make most of our chances when we do get them."

The seventh-ranked Canadians and No. 3 Japan have played each other to three wins, three losses and three draws. But Japan has been on the rise since its fourth-place finish in Beijing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

History meets rock 'n' roll at venue

Canada's Olympic men's beach volleyball team practises Tuesday at a venue situated behind the Horse Guard Parade building in London. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Beach volleyball. Canadian players are savouring the opportunity to play at a site in the shadows of historic buildings

AC/DC, Led Zeppelin and the Beach Boys blared Tuesday as Canadians hit the sand to train in what will likely become one of the London Olympics' most iconic venues.

The beach volleyball venue is set in the shadow of the Horse Guard Parade, a site that dates back to 1745 and takes its name from the soldiers who have provided protection for the monarch since 1660.

It is perhaps best known for the annual Trooping the Colour event that takes place on the Queen's birthday.

But for 13 days starting Saturday, it will be a rock 'n' roll sandbox filled with athletic beefcake and hard-bodied women in itsy-bitsy bikinis.

It's a sport that is the antithesis of golf — fans are encouraged to rock out. The beach party takes place in an intimate, temporary stadium that seats 15,000 and wraps around a court stocked with some 5,000 tonnes of sand brought from a quarry in Godstone, Surrey.

"It's amazing," said Marie-Andree Lessard, sporting a huge grin. "It's so vibrant. The sand's beautiful. The colour's awesome. The site is of utmost beauty and of great historic value as well. So I think we're very grateful and happy to be playing here."

Martin Reader added: "Beautiful venue. Amazing place in London."

The venue is sure to become one of the television images of the Games, especially from high in the stand that faces the Horse Guard Parade building.

But the entire site is packed with history. Surrounding buildings include the Old Admiralty Building, Household Cavalry Museum, Scotland Office and St. James's Park and the Guards Memorial.

The Duke of Wellington was based in Horse Guards when he was in charge of the British army.

Both the Canadian men and women open on the weekend against host Britain.

The Canadian men had to win in Mexico to get Canada an Olympic spot.

"There were a few thousand Mexican fans yelling not the nicest things at us," said Reader's partner, Josh Binstock. "But we relish that. I love playing the spoiler, I love being the bad guy. Of course, I love being supported and loved but either way it's fun having that pressure on us."

After Mexico, the duo had to defeat a rival pair to book their ticket to London.

Given that happened July 14 for both pairs, it made for a whirlwind week before the men headed to Austria to refocus on the Games.

"Literally the moment after we won, we were just getting pulled (from all sides)," said Binstock. "And that lasted for the whole week. I don't remember just sitting down and enjoying a meal the whole week."

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"It really doesn't matter where we play. We just have to play the best possible."

Canadian beach volleyball player Martin Reader, who doesn't believe the surroundings and conditions will affect his play

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	58	38	.604	—
Baltimore	51	45	.531	7
Tampa Bay	49	47	.510	9
Toronto	**48**	**47**	**.505**	**9½**
Boston	48	49	.495	10½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	52	44	.542	—
Chicago	51	45	.531	1
Cleveland	48	48	.500	4
Kansas City	40	55	.421	11½
Minnesota	40	56	.417	12

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	57	38	.600	—
Los Angeles	53	44	.546	5
Oakland	51	44	.537	6
Seattle	42	56	.429	16½

Tuesday's results
Detroit at Cleveland
Tampa Bay at Baltimore
Oakland at **Toronto**
Boston at Texas
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox
Kansas City at L.A. Angels
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle
Monday's results
Texas 9 Boston 1
L.A. Angels 6 Kansas City 3
Chicago White Sox 7 Minnesota 4
N.Y. Yankees 4 Seattle 1
Cleveland 3 Baltimore 1
Wednesday's games
All times Eastern
Minnesota (Blackburn 4-5) at Chicago White Sox (Peavy 7-7), 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Hochevar 6-8) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 12-1), 3:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Nova 10-4) at Seattle (Iwakuma 1-2), 3:40 p.m.
Detroit (Scherzer 9-5) at Cleveland (D.Lowe 8-8), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 13-4) at Baltimore (Mig.Gonzalez 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Griffin 2-0) at **Toronto (R.Romero 8-6)**, 7:07 p.m.
Boston (Beckett 5-8) at Texas (D.Holland 6-5), 8:05 p.m.
Thursday's games
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 12:35 p.m.
Oakland at **Toronto**, 12:37 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	56	39	.589	—
Atlanta	52	44	.542	4½
New York	47	49	.490	9½
Miami	45	51	.469	11½
Philadelphia	43	54	.443	14

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	56	40	.583	—
Pittsburgh	54	41	.568	1½
St. Louis	50	46	.521	6
Milwaukee	44	51	.463	11½
Chicago	39	56	.411	16½
Houston	34	63	.351	22½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	54	42	.563	—
Los Angeles	53	44	.546	1½
Arizona	48	48	.500	6
San Diego	41	57	.418	14
Colorado	36	59	.379	17½

Tuesday's results
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh
Milwaukee at Philadelphia
Atlanta at Miami
Washington at N.Y. Mets
Cincinnati at Houston
L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis
Colorado at Arizona
San Diego at San Francisco
Monday's results
Miami 2 Atlanta 1
San Francisco 7 San Diego 1
Philadelphia 7 Milwaukee 6
Arizona 6 Colorado 3
Cincinnati 8 Houston 3
Washington 8 N.Y. Mets 2 (10 inn.)
Chicago Cubs 2 Pittsburgh 0
L.A. Dodgers 5 St. Louis 3
Wednesday's games
Washington (Strasburg 10-4) at N.Y. Mets (Hefner 1-3), 12:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Dempster 5-4) at Pittsburgh (Correia 7-6), 12:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Hanson 10-5) at Miami (Nolasco 8-8), 12:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Estrada 0-4) at Philadelphia (Worley 5-6), 1:05 p.m.
San Diego (Marquis 3-5) at San Francisco (Lincecum 4-10), 3:45 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 9-6) at Houston (B.Norris 5-8), 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Harang 7-5) at St. Louis (Lohse 10-2), 8:15 p.m.
Colorado (Francis 2-2) at Arizona (Cahill 8-8), 9:40 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
McCutchen Pgh	91	346	65	129	.373
MeCabrera SF	92	375	66	135	.360
DWright NYM	92	342	62	119	.348
Ruiz Pha	88	292	45	101	.346
Votto Cin	86	298	52	102	.342
CGonzalez Col	88	356	66	117	.329
Holliday StL	93	352	61	113	.321
Posey SF	87	312	41	99	.317
YMolina StL	84	311	39	96	.309
Dan.Murphy NYM	93	347	37	107	.308

Runs — MeCabrera, San Francisco, 66; CGonzalez, Colorado, 66; Bourn, Atlanta, 65; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 65; DWright, NY, 62; Braun, Milwaukee, 61; Holliday, St. Louis, 61.
RBI — Beltran, St. Louis, 71; Kubel, Arizona, 71; CGonzalez, Colorado, 67; DWright, New York, 67; Braun, Milwaukee, 66; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 66; Holliday, St. Louis, 63.
Hits — MeCabrera, San Francisco, 135; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 129; Bourn, Atlanta, 122; DWright, NY, 119; CGonzalez, Colorado, 117; Prado, Atlanta, 114; Holliday, St. Louis, 113.
Doubles — Votto, Cincinnati, 36; ArRamirez, Milwaukee, 32; DanMurphy, New York, 30; DWright, New York, 30; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 29; Cuddyer, Colorado, 28; Ethier, Los Angeles, 25; Holliday, St. Louis, 25; Prado, Atlanta, 25; Ruiz, Philadelphia, 25.
Triples — Fowler, Colorado, 9; Bourn, Atlanta, 8; MeCabrera, San Francisco, 8; SCastro, Chicago, 7; Reyes, Miami, 6; 13 tied at 5.
Home Runs — Braun, Milwaukee, 26; Beltran, St. Louis, 22; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 22; PAlvarez, Pittsburgh, 21; Kubel, Arizona, 21; CGonzalez, Colorado, 20; Bruce, Cincinnati, 19; Stanton, Miami, 19.
Stolen Bases — DGordon, Los Angeles, 30; Bourn, Atlanta, 28; Bonifacio, Miami, 25; Campana, Chicago, 25; Pierre, Philadelphia, 23; Schafer, Houston, 23; Reyes, Miami, 21; Victorino, Philadelphia, 21.
Tuesday's games not included

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTING	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Snider	11	2	4	1	3	.364
Encarnacion	336	62	100	26	67	.298
Lawrie	357	55	100	9	38	.280
Davis	205	35	53	5	25	.259
Escobar	361	48	92	6	34	.255
Mathis	80	15	20	5	9	.250
Rasmus	357	52	88	17	60	.246
Bautista	328	63	80	27	65	.244
Johnson	322	43	77	10	37	.239
Arencibia	277	35	66	15	49	.238
Lind	190	17	45	8	27	.237
Gomes	42	6	9	3	9	.214
Vizquel	80	9	17	0	2	.213
Gose	11	1	1	0	0	.091

PITCHING	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
Mathis	0	0	0	1.0	0	0.00
Happ	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.00
Lyon	0	0	0	1.0	1	0.00
Oliver	2	2	1	36.2	36	1.23
Janssen	1	1	13	37.2	39	2.39
Laffey	2	1	0	39.0	22	2.77
Beck	0	0	0	6.1	5	2.84
Villanueva	5	0	0	56.2	62	2.86
Morrow	7	4	0	77.2	67	3.01
Loup	0	1	0	5.1	2	3.38
Perez	2	2	0	42.0	39	3.43
Frasor	1	1	0	36.0	45	4.00
Hutchison	5	3	0	58.2	49	4.60
Alvarez	6	7	0	119.0	44	4.61
Drabek	4	7	0	71.1	47	4.67
Romero	8	6	0	122.1	84	5.22
Carpenter	0	0	0	3.0	3	6.00
Cecil	2	2	0	32.2	26	6.34
Santos	0	1	2	5.0	4	9.00
Coello	0	1	0	6.1	11	12.79

Tuesday's game not included

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Trout LAA	75	305	71	109	.357
Mauer Minn	88	325	51	108	.332
MiCabrera Det	96	382	64	126	.330
Konerko ChiW	88	326	44	107	.328
Cano NYY	96	374	64	119	.318
Ortiz Bos	89	320	65	101	.316
Beltre Tex	91	355	55	112	.315
AJackson Det	74	292	59	92	.315
Rios ChiW	94	358	55	112	.313
AEscobar KC	93	347	38	108	.311

Runs — Trout, Los Angeles, 71; Kinsler, Texas, 69; Granderson, New York, 67; Ortiz, Boston, 65; MiCabrera, Detroit, 64; Cano, New York, 64; **Bautista, Toronto, 63;** Choo, Cleveland, 63; De Aza, Chicago, 63; AdJones, Baltimore, 63.
RBI — Hamilton, Texas, 80; MiCabrera, Detroit, 79; Fielder, Detroit, 68; Willingham, Minnesota, 68; ADunn, Chicago, 67; **Encarnacion, Toronto, 67;** Teixeira, New York, 66; Trumbo, Los Angeles, 66.
Hits — MiCabrera, Detroit, 126; Jeter, New York, 124; Cano, New York, 119; Beltre, Texas, 112; AGordon, Kansas City, 112; AdJones, Baltimore, 112; Rios, Chicago, 112.
Doubles — AGordon, Kansas City, 31; Choo, Cleveland, 30; Cano, New York, 28; Kinsler, Texas, 28; Brantley, Cleveland, 27; MiCabrera, Detroit, 27; AdGonzalez, Boston, 27.
Triples — Andrus, Texas, 5; Berry, Detroit, 5; De Aza, Chicago, 5; AJackson, Detroit, 5; Rios, Chicago, 5; ISuzuki, NY, 5; Trout, Los Angeles, 5; JWeeks, Oakland, 5; Zobrist, Tampa Bay, 5.
Home Runs — ADunn, Chicago, 29; Hamilton, Texas, 28; **Bautista, Toronto, 27;** Trumbo, Los Angeles, 27; **Encarnacion, Toronto, 26;** Granderson, NY, 26; MiCabrera, Detroit, 23; Ortiz, Boston, 23; Willingham, Minnesota, 23.
Stolen Bases — Trout, Los Angeles, 31; **RDavis, Toronto, 25;** Kipnis, Cleveland, 21; Revere, Minnesota, 21; Crisp, Oakland, 19; JDyson, KC, 17; DeJennings, Tampa Bay, 17.
Tuesday's games not included

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Hamilton	4	2	2	0	127	133	4
Toronto	4	2	2	0	106	113	4
Montreal	4	2	2	0	108	139	4
Winnipeg	4	0	4	0	78	141	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Saskatchewan	4	3	1	0	121	78	6
Edmonton	4	3	1	0	89	56	6
Calgary	4	2	2	0	147	120	4
B.C.	4	2	2	0	106	102	4

WEEK FIVE
All times Eastern
Thursday's game
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Toronto at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Hamilton at Saskatchewan, 6 p.m.
B.C. at Calgary, 9 p.m.
WEEK SIX
Friday, Aug. 3
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 6
B.C. at Toronto, 5 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP

BET-AT-HOME CUP
At Kitzbuehel, Austria
Singles — First Round
Ernests Gulbis (7), Latvia, def. Andreas Haider-Maurer, Austria, 2-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Pavol Cervenak, Slovakia, def. Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, 4-6, 7-6 (1), 6-3.
Rogerio Dutra Silva, Brazil, def. Jan Hajek, Czech Republic, 4-1, retired.
Philipp Oswald, Austria, def. Daniel Brands, Germany, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Simone Bolelli, Italy, def. Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 7-5, 7-5.

FARMERS CLASSIC
At Los Angeles
Singles — First Round
Michael Russell, United States, def. Jesse Levine, United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Igor Andreev, Russia, def. Dudi Sela, Israel, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

WTA

BAKU CUP
AT Baku, Azerbaijan
Singles — First Round
Julia Cohen, United States, def. Ksenia Pervak (1), Kazakhstan, 6-4, 3-6, 3-2, retired.
Alexandra Panova (2), Russia, def. Sacha Jones, Australia, 7-5, 7-6 (7).
Bojana Jovanovski (5), Serbia, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.
Nina Bratchikova (6), Russia, def. Patricia Mayr-Achleitner, Austria, 6-2, 6-4.
Olga Puchkova, Russia, def. Akgul Amanmuradova (7), Uzbekistan, 6-3, 7-6 (12).
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Eva Birnerova (8), Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-1.
Marta Domachowska, Poland, def. Caroline Garcia, France, 5-6, 7-5, 6-0.
Estrella Cabeza Candela, Spain, def. Ekaterine Gorgodze, Georgia, 6-1, 6-1.
Laura Pous-Tio, Spain, def. Noppawan Lertcheewakarn, Thailand, 6-1, 2-0, retired.
Sandra Zaniewska, Poland, def. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, 6-1, 7-6 (4).
Alberta Brianti, Italy, def. Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-1.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Signed OF Henry Urrutia to a minor league contract.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Assigned LHP Matt Talley to Kannapolis (SAL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Traded RHP Jose De La Torre to Boston for INF/OF Brent Lillibridge.
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned 2B Danny Worth to Toledo (IL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Announced the retirement of C Jason Kendall.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Reinstated 1B Justin Morneau from the paternity list.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Designated OF Dewayne Wise for assignment.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned 1B Justin Smoak and RHP D.J. Mitchell to Tacoma (PCL). Assigned RHP Danny Farquhar to Tacoma. Recalled OF-DH Mike Carp from Tacoma.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Reinstated OF Sam Fuld from the 60-day DL. Optioned RHP Brandon Gomes to Durham (IL). Transferred 3B Evan Longoria to the 60-day DL. Assigned RHP Matt Nevarez to Charlotte (FSL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Reinstated INF John McDonald from the 15-day DL. Designated INF Ryan Roberts for assignment.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Assigned C Jon Carnahan to the Gulf Coast Astros.
NEW YORK METS — Selected the contracts of RHP Manny Acosta and RHP Matt Harvey from Buffalo (IL). Optioned OF Lucas Duda and RHP Pedro Beato to Buffalo.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Agreed to terms with OF Jarrad Page on minor league contract.

BASKETBALL

NBA
BROOKLYN NETS—Signed F Tornike Shengelia.
CHICAGO BULLS — Signed G Marco Belinelli.
HOUSTON ROCKETS — Announced the Chicago Bulls did not match the Rockets three-year offer sheet to C Omer Asik.
NEW ORLEANS HORNETS — Signed C Anthony Davis & G Austin Rivers to 3-year contracts.
NEW YORK KNICKS — Signed G Pablo Prigioni.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Signed F-C Maurice Harkless and C Arnett Moultrie.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Signed G A.J. Price.

FOOTBALL

NFL
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed S Adrian Wilson to contract extension through 2015 season.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed RB Trent Richardson and QB Brandon Weeden.
DETROIT LIONS — Named Elizabeth Parkinson senior VP of marketing and partnerships.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Named Ed Policy vice president and general counsel.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed G Brandon Brooks.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed T Kevin Murphy. Waived T Darrion Weems.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed coach Mike Tomlin to a five-year contract. Signed G David DeCastro to a four-year contract.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed CB David Jones. Placed CB Chase Minnifield on the waived/injured list.

HOCKEY

NHL
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Signed D Jay Harrison to a three-year contract extension & F Zach Boychuk to a 1-year, two-way contract.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Signed D Rya Murray to a three-year, entry-level contract.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Matched Philadelphia's 14-year offer sheet to D Shea Weber.

AHL
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Signed D Brennan Evans to a one-year contract.
PEORIA RIVERMEN—Named Dustin Flynn trainer.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
New York	21	11	5	5	37	29	38
Kansas City	21	11	6	4	26	19	37
Houston	21	9	5	7	31	25	34
D.C.	20	10	7	3	34	27	33
Chicago	20	9	7	4	22	22	31
Columbus	18	7	7	4	18	19	25
Montreal	23	7	13	3	30	42	24
New England	20	6	9	5	25	25	23
Philadelphia	18	6	10	2	20	21	20
Toronto	20	5	11	4	24	36	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	22	13	5	4	44	27	43
Real Salt Lake	22	12	7	3	33	26	39
Vancouver	22	9	6	7	25	26	34
Seattle	20	8	5	7	25	21	31
Los Angeles	22	9	10	3	38	35	30
Chivas USA	19	6	8	5	13	21	23
Colorado	21	7	13	1	27	30	22
Dallas	22	5	10	7	25	30	22
Portland	20	5	11	4	19	35	19

Wednesday's game
All times Eastern
At Chester, Pa.
Chelsea vs. MLS All-Stars, 8:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Houston at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
New York at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Chicago at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at Portland, 11 p.m.
Sunday's game
New England at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

OLYMPICS

WOMEN
Wednesday's games
All times Eastern
At Cardiff, Wales
Britain vs. New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Cameroon vs. Brazil, 1:45 p.m.
At Coventry, England
Japan vs. **Canada**, noon
Sweden vs. South Africa, 2:45 p.m.
At Glasgow
U.S. vs. France, Noon
Colombia vs. North Korea, 2:45 p.m.

MEN
Thursday's games
At Glasgow
Honduras vs. Morocco, 7 a.m.
Spain vs. Japan, 9:45 a.m.
At Newcastle
Mexico vs. South Korea, 9:30 a.m.
Gabon vs. Switzerland, 12:15 p.m.
At Manchester
United Arab Emirates vs. Uruguay, Noon
Britain vs. Senegal, 3 p.m.
At Coventry
Belarus vs. New Zealand, 2:45 p.m.
At Cardiff
Brazil vs. Egypt, 2:45 p.m.

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A two-sizes-fits-all approach

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More space

Dimensionally, the five-passenger Santa Fe is similar to the 2012 Santa Fe, as both have identical distance between the front and rear wheels. The upcoming seven-passenger Santa Fe, however, is about 21.5 centimetres longer overall and has 16 per cent more cargo space behind the second-row seat.

AWD system

Hyundai will allow you to match your selected engine with its latest all-wheel-drive setup. The system includes what Hyundai calls Torque Vectoring Corner Control (TVCC) that continuously monitors driving conditions and can instantly direct the correct amount of power or braking force to any single wheel at a time.

2013 Hyundai Santa Fe

- **Type.** Four-door, front- /all-wheel-drive wagon.
- **Engines (hp):** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (190); 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (264); 3.3-litre DOHC V6 (290).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.4/7.0 (2.4, est.).
- **Base Price:** $26,000 (est.).

Engines

The seven-passenger Santa Fe is understandably heftier than the five-passenger — by more than 180 kilograms, actually — which explains why it's sole powerplant is a 290-horsepower 3.3-litre V6 that replaces the previously optional 274-horsepower 3.5-litre V6.

Conversely, the five-passenger model, now lighter than the outgoing Santa Fe by an impressive 121 kilograms, can be had with a base 190-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder, or an optional 264-horsepower 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder.

Regardless of your chosen engine, a six-speed automatic transmission with manual shift controls is all that's offered.

Review. Two sizes to keep families of all sizes on the move

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

So, two sizes of the 2013 Hyundai Santa Fe are on the menu. It seems familiar.

Mitsubishi recently got the ball rolling in this direction for the 2011 model year when it introduced the RVR in Canada, which is a shortened version of its regular-length Outlander. On a grander scale, General Motors and Ford employ this approach with their big-and-beefy sport utes while a number of minivans once offered two body sizes. Even Hyundai-owned Kia made two lengths of its Sedona minivan.

But since passenger-car-based tall wagons have replaced much of the minivan trade, Hyundai is also applying the two-sizes-fits-all approach to its third-generation Santa Fe that launches later this summer.

Actually it's the shorter-wheelbase five-passenger iteration that arrives first, followed by the extended-length seven-passenger Santa Fe in early 2013. The face of each, while differing slightly, features Hyundai's signature hexagonal grille.

A prominent crease extending along each side and flowing over the taillights replaces the previous Santa Fe's more rounded look. The entire design is both conservative, yet entirely stylish, and should be greeted by approving nods from most shoppers.

As of this writing, pricing has yet to be released, but the five-passenger model will likely start at about $26,000 (including destination charges), with the longer Santa Fe adding roughly $4,000.

Both promise to provide spirited performance and impressive fuel economy as their primary virtues, with good looks and practical packaging also coming along for the ride.

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Top Gear

Non-toxic metal rescue

Removing rust with a wire brush, sandpaper or a grinder is tedious, the rust dust is really bad for you and these abrasive techniques will alter the surface shape of your part. Now there's Metal Rescue to handle the chore. Claimed to be a water-based, non-toxic and acid-free product, Metal Rescue is a liquid bath for metal parts. After scraping away the big chunks (which shortens the bath time), you simply immerse the item(s) to be cleaned in the pre-mixed solution. The length of time needed depends on the size of the item and how badly rusted it is. Then rise and let dry. Metal Rescue sells for $25 US for a one-gallon (3.8-litre) bucket, or $90 for a five-gallon (18.9-litre) container. Check out the demonstration videos and place your order at metalrescue.com.
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Out of 34 brands, Porsche came in second in "initial quality," but that begs the question: who in their right mind would actually have any complaints about a Porsche 911 in the first place? When you love a car enough to spend $100,000, it can't be that bad, even if it might actually be that bad. WHEELBASE

Quality: An emotional thing?

Auto Know.
Somehow, 'quality' has come down to whether you're mad at the stereo ...

TODD D. BURLAGE
Wheelbase Media

As it has been drilled into our heads time and again, it's not the quantity that matters, it's the quality. Unless you're an automaker, that is, and then you need both.

Over time, you would think that they would learn a thing or two about building cars, and the latest quality reports would certainly bear that out.

But surprisingly, it's not the lower volume of complaints — a rather subjective determining factor of "quality" — that's interesting. It's the actual gripes that owners have ... about fiddly systems that really have nothing to do with the cars themselves.

But let's begin at, where else, the beginning.

J.D. Power and Associates 2012 Initial Quality Study (IQS) shows that new vehicles have never been more reliable, which should come as no real shock.

The IQS results — an important barometer of success and failure for automakers around the world — were based on responses from 74,000 buyers and lessees of new 2012 model-year vehicles, who were surveyed after 90 days of ownership.

The findings showed that 26 of the 34 vehicle brands used in the study improved their scores from the 2011 IQS, with only five backsliding and three remaining the same. The study looked at two distinct categories: design-related issues; and equipment defects and malfunctions.

"It's a testament to how manufacturers are listening to the voice of the consumer and then embed that across the board, from product planning, to manufacturing, to the dealer," director of automotive research for J.D. Power, Raffi Festekjian, said of the high industry-wide safety marks.

The news is notable because IQS results are used extensively by manufacturers worldwide to help them improve design, and by consumers to help them make educated decisions when purchasing a new vehicle.

J.D. Power noted that vehicle brands that rank in the top 10 of the IQS have a significantly higher loyalty rate — measured by repeat buyers — than vehicles with more quality problems and lower IQS scores.

Lexus — Toyota's luxury line and a usual frontrunner in initial quality — topped the list for the second year with an average of 73 problems reported per every 100 vehicles, or less than one documented complaint for every new Lexus sold.

For more evidence of the U.S. automakers' rebound, General Motors had its best year ever in the study with a 99 IQS score and a No. 12 ranking. And Chevrolet, Cadillac and Ram all rated above the industry average.

"This is a positive indication of how widespread high quality is among automakers," said David Sargent, vice president of global automotive at J.D. Power. "This is without a doubt the best level of quality we've ever seen."

Despite making superb vehicles, Ford took a shellacking in a "quality" survey, largely based on its touchscreen interface. WHEELBASE

Jaguar showed the most improvement on the 2012 list, tying with Porsche for second place in the rankings, which is up 18 spots from 2011 when Jaguar ranked 20th.

Fiat and Smart tied for last on the list with an IQS score of 151, or about 1.5 reported problems for each of the 2012 vehicles these two manufacturers sold. The industry average was a 102 score, a five-per-cent overall improvement from the 2011 IQS results.

And as has become the norm in recent years, Japan-based brands dominated the rankings by placing five makes — Lexus, Honda, Acura, Infiniti and Toyota — in the top 10, and seven in the top 15.

These snapshot ratings and improvements for 2012 are good news for buyers and automakers. But looking back 10 years gives a clearer picture of how far initial quality has come in the industry. Since 2002, nearly every brand studied has made a significant quality improvement — well, fewer complaints, at least — strong evidence that carmakers are becoming more efficient and knowledgeable in the design and production process. The gap between the best in the industry and the worst has also consistently narrowed in the last 10 years.

"The good news is that the (auto) industry has made major improvements, across the board," Festekjian said.

And while the traditional quality problems have dramatically dropped during the last decade, J.D. Power noted in its 2012 findings that the nature of quality complaints is evolving right alongside the modern car designs and technologies.

Defects related to mechanical issues — anything from engine failures to a faulty turn signal — were down sharply. But reports of problems with factory-installed hands-free communication systems have more than doubled since 2009, as this technology becomes standard in more vehicles every year.

And for the first time in the 26-year history of J.D. Power's IQS, vehicle owners reported more problems related to audio and navigation systems than in any other area. Flaws in voice recognition technology produced the most complaints, but is this really a measure of vehicle "quality?"

"Automakers and suppliers are working hard to make the driving experience safer, more convenient and more entertaining," Sargent said. "However, the most innovative technology in the world will quickly create dissatisfaction if owners can't get it to work."

Ford was hit hardest by technological glitches in both the 2011 and 2012 quality studies, in large part because of the MyFord Touch and MyLincoln Touch in-car vehicle info and control systems. Ford ranked only 27th out of 34 in 2012, a big drop from its uninspiring 23rd ranking in 2011.

And Sargent said Ford had better get its technology act together if it wants to compete because these high-tech systems have already become "the battleground" among manufacturers in terms of attracting new consumers.

"As smartphones become ubiquitous in the lives of consumers and are ever-more sophisticated," he said, "expectations about the complementary technologies being offered in new models will only get higher."

Still, not understanding the stereo is not exactly the same complaint as breakdowns and expensive mechanical problems, but they all carry considerable weight in a problems-per-100-vehicles scenario.

Quote

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Top Gear

Trak-ing devices

According to H&R Springs, automakers deliberately leave a significant gap between their vehicles' wheel-and-tire combinations and the fender to allow for instances when tire chains are installed. However, if snow tires are all you'll ever use, you can reduce the gap for improved handling, cornering performance and a more attractive stance with a set of Trak+ spacers. These products are made using an aluminum/magnesium alloy for durability and light weight and are specifically designed to fit a wide assortment of makes and models. And H&S attempts to make the process easy with their step-by-step video guide to measure for the exact spacer to install for your particular application. Prices start at about $120 US per pair. For complete pricing/ordering info go to trakplus.com.

Backup plan

Many new vehicles make available some form of backup warning. However, for older cars and trucks there's the ReverseGUARD from American Road Products. The device uses four ultrasound sensors built into a specially designed license-plate frame. When an object or person is detected within two- to 2.8-metres, an audible intermittent warning is issued to the driver that turns into a steady tone once the object/person is within half a metre of the vehicle. ReverseGUARD can also be ordered with an optional visual indicator that mounts next to the rear-view mirror to display the vehicle's closing distance to the object. The system sells for $240-$265 US, depending on the style of frame selected, plus $25 for the optional distance indicator. Full details are available from americanroad products.com. **WHEELBASE**

Spider-Man climbs again

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2006 to 2011
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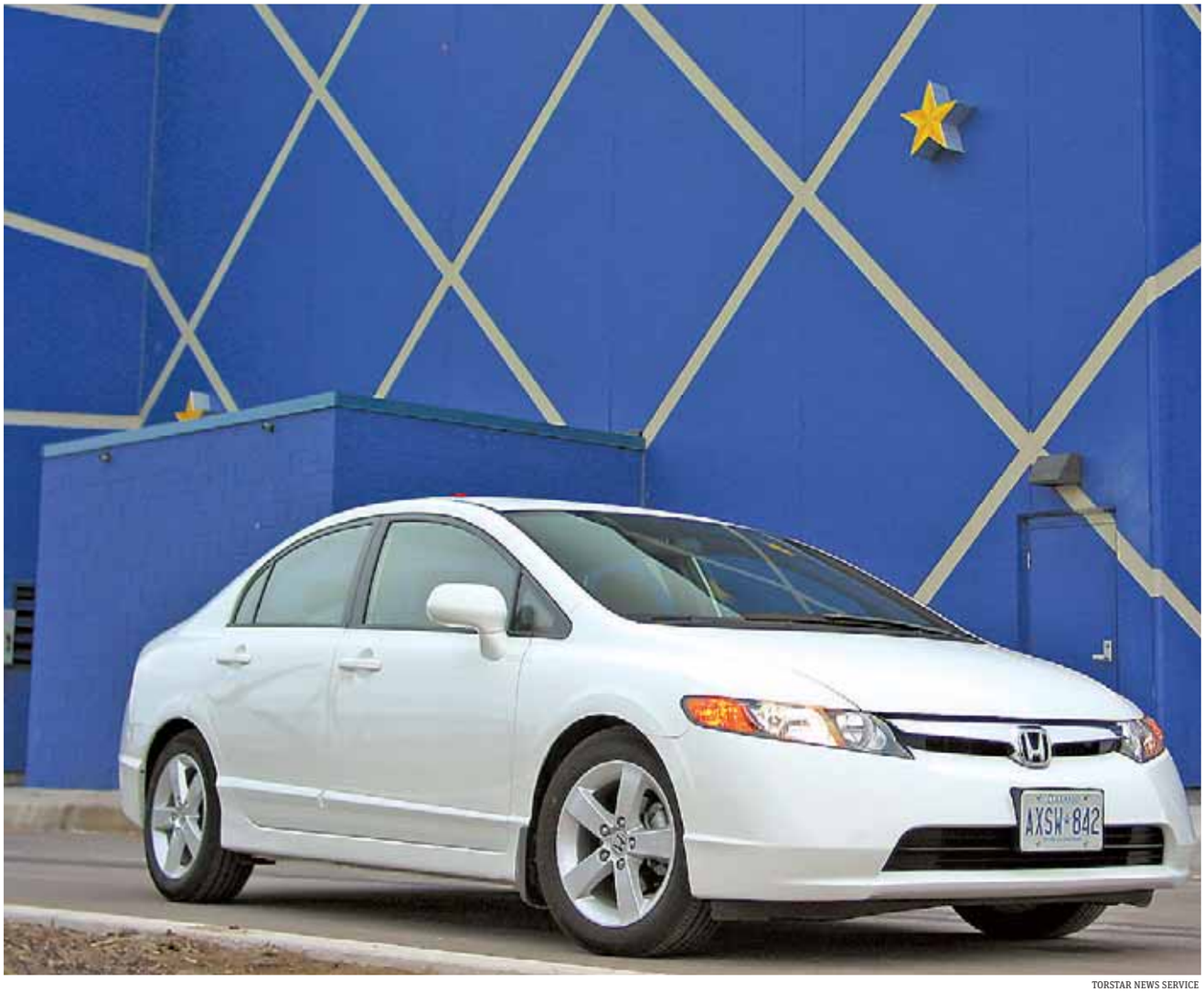
For 2012, the Honda Civic entered its latest generation — leaving the previous 2006 to 2011 model range in used-car territory.

The last-gen Civic was a best-seller available to Canadian shoppers in two or four-door body styles and with a range of powertrain options to suit a variety of needs. All models brought Honda's promise of reliable performance and high resale values to the compact car segment. Compact cars don't get much more sensible than this.



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Common Issues

The Civic has a fantastic reputation for reliability, but a few precautionary checks should be considered mandatory.

A handful of owners have reported premature head-gasket failure under warranty. This problem could be pricey if not covered by warranty — so check your potential used Civic for signs of head-gasket problems to be sure. Ask a mechanic for help if you're unsure how.

Earlier models in this generation may suffer from a potential engine block crack as well. Like the head-gasket issue, this seems rare — but a quick check for coolant or oil leaks should be made, just to be safe.

Owners have also complained of premature tire and brake wear — check these components as well.

Finally, listen to the suspension closely for clunking or popping sounds over bumps, which could indicate a suspension problem.

Engine

Standard Civic models were powered by a 1.8-litre, 140-horsepower VTEC engine paired to a five-speed transmission in automatic or manual.

What Owners Like

Build quality, gas mileage, reliability, generous storage facilities and an all-around easy-to-drive character were all rated highly. Handling and ride quality are commented upon positively. Comfortable seats and the clever digital speedometer are also typically loved.

What Owners Dislike

Some wish for more power, a richer, more upscale interior, a quieter ride, and a repositioned handbrake lever — which can dig into the knees of long-legged drivers.

Verdict

If the checks mentioned come back negative, you're well on your way to joining the large and satisfied Civic owner's community.

Toyota investing $100 million in Ontario plant

Toyota's Canadian manufacturing arm says it's investing $100 million in its Cambridge, Ont., plant — a move that will see it hire 400 workers.

The investment announced Tuesday will increase the production of the company's Lexus RX models, from 30,000 vehicles to 104,000 at the southwestern Ontario facility.

Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc. says the investment includes 15,000 RX450h vehicles, the hybrid electric version of the popular Lexus, and will take its annual production capacity in Canada to 500,000 units.

"For almost nine years now, Canada has had the only Lexus production outside of Japan," TMMC chairman Ray Tanguay said in a release.

"New jobs, along with new technology, is great news for Canada."

Toyota said it is targeting early 2014 for expanded Lexus production.

"This is a big and ambitious project with new technology, exacting standards and tight timelines," said TMMC president Brian Krinock.

Plenty of jobs

- **Boost.** The Cambridge and Woodstock investments will bring Toyota's Canadian workforce to some 7,300 at two plants in Cambridge and one in Woodstock, where the Toyota Corolla, Toyota Matrix, Toyota RAV4, and the Lexus RX 350 vehicles are manufactured.

"Our team members have demonstrated time and time again that they thrive on these kinds of challenges."

In March, the company announced it would ramp up production of its RAV4 crossover vehicles at its Woodstock, Ont., assembly plant with an $80-million investment — a move it said would also create some 400 new jobs.

Ontario has seen traditional Detroit Three carmakers — GM, Ford and Chrysler — cut tens of thousands of jobs in the last decade as their parent companies restructured in the United States. But Toyota and Honda have expanded their operations in Ontario, Canada's manufacturing heartland.

Toyota has faced production problems due to last year's earthquake and tsunami in Japan and massive flooding in Thailand that cut parts supplies and slowed down their global output, even in Canada.

But sales have begun to spring back recently, with Toyota Canada reporting it sold 16,957 vehicles in June, 70.1 per cent more than last June.

Federal Industry Minister Christian Paradis said the government is "pleased to see Toyota expanding production at its Cambridge facility."

"Canada is a great place to build vehicles, and we will continue to encourage investment by providing tax relief, eliminating tariffs on machinery and equipment, and creating an environment that promotes innovation, research and development."

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A lesson in automotive finance

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While longer finance terms can look very appealing, it could come back to bite you in the future. ISTOCK

Before I launch into a revealing auto finance comparison from Statistics Canada, and possibly lose your attention for good, here's a short bit from comedian Steven Wright: "I had parked in a tow-away zone, and when I got back, the entire neighbourhood was gone."

In 2007, only 6.4 per cent of buyers in Canada purchased a new vehicle with a payment term of 72 months or greater. Today, 40 per cent of buyers finance their vehicle over six years or more.

There was a time when you couldn't even finance a vehicle for more than three years. More and more of us are spreading the cost of a vehicle purchase over longer and longer periods of time.

Is this a good trend? Probably not.

And this is not me lecturing about money matters, 'cause that would be like Donald Trump scolding other guys about comb-overs.

Instead, consider the auto industry analysts over at J.D. Power and Associates, who recently noted one of the prime pitfalls of longer term financing — the greater potential for buyers to find themselves in a not-so-nice credit position known as "under water."

Another term for it is "negative equity." Whatever you call it, it's a scenario where the buyer owes more on the loan than the vehicle is worth. Basically, it's a case of your car loan payments not even keeping up with the vehicle's depreciation, which can happen when you stretch the term out so long, to 72 months and beyond, to keep monthly payments as low as they can possibly go.

In 2007, 17 per cent of car deals were "under water," compared with 26 per cent today.

This is obviously not a huge problem if you plan to keep the car forever, or even just past the finance period. But should you find yourself needing to sell or trade the vehicle sooner, well… then you'll be out of pocket for the difference between what the car is worth and how much you still owe on it.

Also note that the longer the finance term, the more interest you'll pay in total. In 2007, when the average car loan was four years, the average total cost of a vehicle loan was 107 per cent of the purchase price. J.D. Power notes that owing to today's extended payment terms, the average total finance cost has risen to 114 per cent of the purchase price.

Vehicle purchases continue to take a bigger slice of our disposable income. In the biz, that slice is known as "share of wallet." But monthly payment amounts on new-vehicles have been basically flat since 2007, when the average payment was $528. J.D. Power figures consumers — and dealers — are using those long-term loan instruments, to keep a lid on automobile's "share of wallet," at least on a monthly basis.

With so much focus on monthly payment schedules, J.D. Power also argues that, "…the MSRP has become irrelevant to new-vehicle buyers. Today's vehicle buyers will trade tomorrow's total cost, in order to balance the monthly checkbook."

Again, we're not lecturing. You're definitely the master of your own "share of wallet," more or less…

'My two-wheel therapy'

Not just for men. Women riding motorcycles is a rising trend in the U.S.

Cris Baldwin was seven when she commandeered her brother's minibike on their Wisconsin dairy farm and first felt the wind in her face. More than 250,000 miles and 42 years later, it's still two wheels and a gas tank for the school administrator.

Baldwin is an assistant dean at Washington University in St. Louis, but that's just one part of her. She's also past president and a chapter founder of the 30-year-old Women on Wheels, one of America's oldest and largest motorcycle clubs for women at about 2,000 members.

"It really is freeing from your day-to-day obligations, enjoying the moment, not thinking about bills or sending kids to college," Baldwin said. "I wouldn't trade it for anything. It's my two-wheel therapy."

The number of women motorcycle operators in the U.S. has increased slowly to about 7.2 million of about 27 million overall in 2009, according to the latest survey by the Motorcycle Industry Council. About one in ten owners are women, said Cam Arnold, a vice-president for the trade group.

"I hate riding on the back of a bike," Arnold said. "It's a lot more fun being in control."

The American Motorcyclist Association has about 225,000 members. The number of women is under ten per cent, but the number of new women members has increased, driven in part by a higher profile for women on two wheels, more training opportunities and better equipment, said AMA board member Maggie McNally.

Dozens of female-only motorcycle clubs have joined more established groups like Women on Wheels. The makers of bikes and gear are reaching out to women like never before through special events and marketing campaigns that include Harley-Davidson's No Doubts. No Cages. program.

Women no longer have to endure jackets, gloves and helmets designed for men. And it's easier to find or modify bikes for shorter bodies, said McNally, the AMA's vice chairwoman and the highest-ranking female in the group's 75-year history.

"I'm only 5-foot-1," she said. "I wore boy's work boots for years and found the perfect gloves only three years ago. Things have changed a lot. Manufacturers today have realized that women are a huge part of the market."

By the numbers

7.2M

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Harley-Davidson, based in Milwaukee, is the market leader in sales to women. The company travels around the country offering training and safety tips for women.

"We've heard from enough women who think they might like to do it but don't know how to get started," said Claudia Garber, director of women's outreach for Harley. "They're worried about things like the bike seems too big and too heavy for me, or maybe I don't know other women who ride."

Roshani Dubel, 33, an eighth-grade math teacher and mother of three in Gilbert, Ariz., was more than ready, but she had to face those fears after winning an essay contest telling Harley why she wanted to learn to ride. She and three others were flown to Milwaukee for mentoring and training last summer.

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A video documenting her struggle shows her breaking down emotionally as she tries to walk the bike back and forth.

"I'm 5 feet tall," she said. "I kept thinking to myself, 'How am I going to ride if I can't even walk this monster?'"

Things clicked eventually. She's logged more than 800 miles on her Harley since, cheered by her students and fellow teachers when she rolled up to her school on it for the first time.

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The AVIC uses shortcuts that will reduce distraction when you're behind the wheel. JUSTIN PRITCHARD/FOR METRO

Latest AVIC puts smartphone functionality in your dashboard

Product review.
Pioneer AVIC Z140BH

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The smartphone is today's go-to device for one-touch access to multimedia, contacts, information, entertainment and directions. Incidentally, they're illegal to use while you drive — despite how rapidly advanced connectivity is becoming a part of the modern motoring experience.

Automakers have responded with ever-improving 'infotainment' systems in their latest models that seek to provide easy access to many connectivity features — though Pioneer has been proving for years that one needn't buy a new ride to benefit from them.

Pioneer's line of AVIC 'all-in-one' head-units offer top-line functionality for drivers using almost any ride as a personal listening space, a mobile office, or anything in between. The new AVIC Z140BH is hitting shelves now — and your writer recently took one for a test-drive.

It was an intimidating proposition, at first. The AVIC is the market's leading high-tech, in-car entertainment and communications hub, and I have a level of tech-savviness that would make Mark Saltzman nauseous.

But the AVIC is designed to mimic the functionality of a smartphone, like my Android-based Motorola Razr. There are numerous similarities.

Like my phone, the AVIC uses a few 'fixed' buttons to reduce distraction and ease navigation, in conjunction with a colourful sliding, animated, touch-activated interface. Just like on your favourite smartphone, directions, contacts, music and other information is always a tap or swipe away. You can even 'drag and drop' custom shortcut items onto your AVIC's home menu for easy access.

The AVIC sweeps smoothly between navigation, radio tuner, Bluetooth playback and other functions — thanks partly to a built-in graphics accelerator. Pairing the Z140BH with my Motorola Razr handset via Bluetooth was easy, and aside from a handful of split-second lags, the entire thing ran liquid smooth.

Oh, and the giant touch-screen folds out of the way to accept a CD, if you're still listening to those.

The tested AVIC unit looked great both in action and while turned off — thanks to a professional install.

Mike Kalicki recently had the unit fitted to his Ford F-350 using Future Shop's Connect Pro service.

"They're easy to work with," he mentions. "I just set up an appointment, told them what kind of truck I have, and they had everything ready when I got there."

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End the clutter: Your car will be safer

Driving Force. Sit down with a storage plan, says organization expert

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Keeping your car clutter-free makes it look better, but there's an added benefit: a vehicle can be safer when it isn't crammed with objects.

"Our cars are extensions of our lives," says professional organizer Laura Kay, founder of Laura Kay Organizing and a spokesperson for the storage capacity of the all-new Ford Escape.

"You have to be safe and fully aware in your car. If you have things spread out all over the place, and you have to reach for something, that's a safety factor."

Kay suggests that drivers devise a plan, rather than just toss things wherever they'll fit.

"Sit down in it and say, this is where my glasses are going to go, this is where the change will go, this is where I will keep my pad of paper," she says.

"Open the glove compartment and see what fits. Figure out what you need and establish a zone for it, and then stick to it. It takes about 21 times to do something before it becomes a habit, and that goes for everything."

Starting at the dash, Kay warns not to put paper on top, such as parking tags, because they can slip down against the glass and block the defroster. It's especially important not to put anything on top of the dash, unless it's into a bin or cubby specifically placed there as part of the vehicle's design. The passenger side of the dash contains an airbag which, in a collision, will deploy at more than 200 km/h, turning anything near it into a deadly projectile.

It's also important to keep cargo below the level of the seat backs.

"People put things in the back, like Kleenex boxes or stuffed animals," Kay says.

"You want to be able to see at all angles at all times, so keeping everything below your sight line is a safety factor."

This also prevents items from flying forward into occupants in a crash.

And once you've unpacked your groceries, fold your reusable bags and tuck them together, and then stick that on the house door handle for the next time you go to the car.

"As soon as you empty them, they have to go back into the car so you'll have them when you're at the store again," Kay says.

Tips for cleanliness, safety

- Extra weight in the car affects fuel economy, so cleaning out unnecessary objects can even help save fuel.
- When packing for a trip, gather small items into containers, so it's easier to unload the car when you arrive.
- Any valuables should be placed into covered storage areas, so they're not inviting to thieves.
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Drive and save: 7 tips for saving your driving dollars

KATHY ULLYOTT
For Metro

Now that a tank of gas costs as much as a meal out (a fancy, romantic one if you drive an SUV), it's worthwhile saving every nickel you can — and that doesn't necessarily mean leaving your ride in the garage.

1. Properly inflating your tires can save you 3.3 per cent in fuel costs. Look for the manufacturer's recommended air pressure in your owner's manual, and check your pressure once a month.

2. Buy tires with a low rolling resistance (LRR). Elizabeth Lewis, manager of community and corporate relations for Bridgestone Americas, Inc., says Bridgestone's fuel-efficiency tires, for example, can save enough at the pump to pay for themselves in four years.

3. Slow down. Driving 120 km/h rather than 100 km/h burns approximately 12 per cent more fuel.

4. Drive smoothly. Your car burns the most fuel while accelerating, so tramping on the gas and stamping on the brake between every traffic light wastes a lot.

5. Check your air filter regularly and clean or replace it when it's dirty.

6. Go easy on the air conditioner, which can eat up to 10 per cent of your fuel when running. Try to park in the shade, use a windshield reflector when you're not driving and drive for the first few minutes with your windows down to give your A/C some help.

7. Don't lug a lot. The more weight you carry, the more gas you use.

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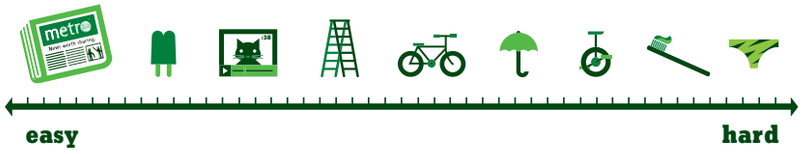

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may have to hurt someone's feelings but as you are doing it for the right motives, they won't hold it against you. If something difficult needs to be said, you can be counted on to say it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you are unhappy with your current situation, either at home or at work, now is the time to change it. The planets will help you to make the break you have been dreaming of for months, maybe even years.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
There is no point kicking up a fuss if you get the blame for something that was not entirely your fault. The simple fact is colleagues and employers are in no mood to listen, so take the criticism then move on.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Make it your business to spread a little happiness today. If you approach life with a smile on your face it will not only help others feel better but will make things a lot easier for you as well.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you have overlooked details of any kind, it will become obvious today and you will have no choice but to go back and take care of them. Don't make a fuss, just do what you should have done before.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
While in one area of your life you are moving ahead in leaps and bounds, in another you are standing still, much to your frustration. Don't worry. It simply means you are not quite ready for a particular challenge.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today's Sun-Neptune link will make you more touchy than usual, so watch out you don't get upset by the kind of petty things that would usually sail right over your head.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be eager to start something new but the planets advise you to bide your time and let things proceed at their own pace. That may be a slow pace by your standards but things will pick up soon enough.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
What do you want most from life? What would you wish for if you knew that your wish would come true? Well start wishing because the planets are so in your favour now that it's a case of "when", not "if".

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Something you learn today will challenge your way of looking at the world. It may not be a comfortable experience but you must allow it to happen and you must allow your mind to move to a higher level.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You don't have to change course just because others do not approve of what you are doing. In fact, the more opposition you face today the more certain you can be that you are doing the right thing.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Huge changes are on the horizon, and the horizon is getting closer. Are you ready for the challenges that these upheavals will spark, both in your personal life and in your work? **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canadian Cities

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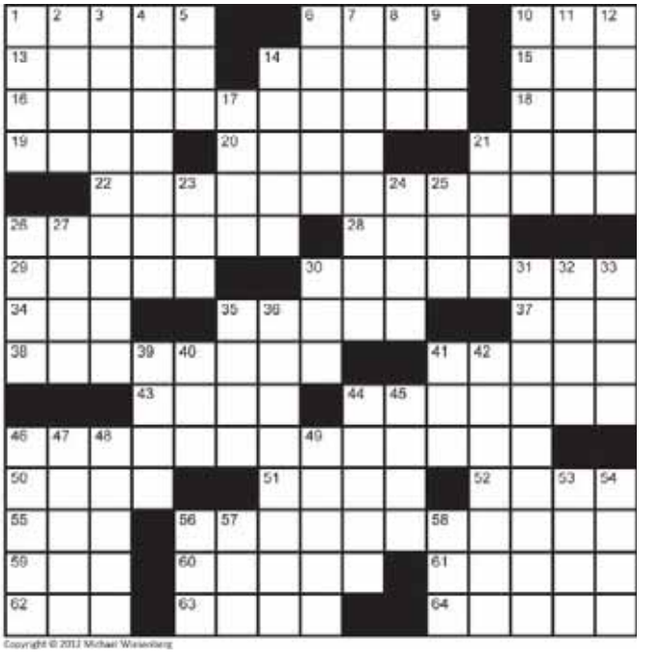

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Across
1. Composer Previn
6. American RCAF counterpart
10. One in elected office
13. Traditional customs
14. Memory muse
15. ___ Lingus
16. NB capital
18. Sgt.'s underling
19. Ship's spar
20. Cuba, to Cubans
21. Et ___: and others
22. Off-island suburb northwest of 38-Across
26. What's new
28. Vishnu incarnation
29. Alkenes
30. Port at the west end of Lake Ontario
34. Name of eight Eng. kings
35. It treat brains disorders, particularly Parkinson's disease
37. Messenger ___
38. 1976 Summer Games locale
41. Over
43. Norway's Patron saint
44. NHL Hall of Fame locale
46. City in Mauricie region of Quebec at confluence of Saint-Maurice and Saint Lawrence Rivers
50. Fidel's brother
51. Per ___: daily allowance
52. Biblical hit
55. Rearwards
56. Suburb of Toronto where are located the Canadian headquarters of several major international companies, including Hewlett-Packard, Microsoft, PepsiCo, General Electric, Siemens, Fujitsu, Walmart Canada
59. "___ Only Had a Brain"
60. Punster's reward
61. Novelist Sinclair who won a Pulitzer for *Dragon's Teeth* in 1943
62. Prevaricate
63. Without
64. Ale and porter

Down
1. Kind of radio
2. Nick's *Thin Man* wife
3. Chew out
4. Common North American hawk, named for its plumage color
5. Siam tail
6. What someone might cry to give up
7. Arranged an ambush
8. I love: Lat.
9. Boggy marsh
10. Symbolic Canadian leaf
11. 501s, e.g.
12. Swing's Shaw
14. Sprays
17. Encircle
21. Sea between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan
23. Special connections
24. W. Syrian city on the Orontes River
25. Queen's recording label
26. Be crawling (with)
27. ___ China
30. Dec. 25 or Jan. 1
31. Metamorphose
32. "Step ___!": "Hurry up!"
33. Small iPod
35. Regan and Goneril's father
36. Town located halfway between Saskatoon and Regina
39. Labor
40. *Treasure Island* author, bibliographically
41. Airport monitor abbr.
42. Flips out
44. Link
45. Computer parts resellers, for short (anagram of SOME)
46. BC City on the Columbia River near the US border
47. One-named singer of children's songs
48. Certain navel, slangily
49. They're checked at some borders
53. Dr. Frankenstein's lab assistant, in films
54. Mementos of beach vacations
56. Classic British sports cars
57. A Gershwin brother
58. U-boat

Friday's crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

	8		5		4		3	
	5	6				7	2	
4								5
		5	3	1	9	6		
		4	6	5	2	1		
1								9
	6	2				3	8	
	7		8		5		6	

Friday's Sudoku

7	6	9	5	1	2	8	4	3
4	1	5	9	3	8	6	2	7
3	2	8	7	6	4	1	5	9
2	8	7	1	5	3	9	6	4
1	9	4	8	2	6	3	7	5
5	3	6	4	9	7	2	1	8
9	7	2	6	8	5	4	3	1
8	4	3	2	7	1	5	9	6
6	5	1	3	4	9	7	8	2

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bi-weekly for 60 months, amortized over 84 months with **$0 DOWN PAYMENT**. $7,080 remaining balance. Offer includes delivery, destination and fees of $1,784 and **$1,000** loan savings! **BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $25,779**. Offer based on Sorento LX MT.

2012 SPORTAGE

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$0 DOWN	AT 0.9% APR	OWN IT FROM $128≠ BI-WEEKLY

bi-weekly for 60 months, amortized over 84 months with **$0 DOWN PAYMENT**. $6,582 remaining balance. Offer includes delivery, destination and fees of $1,784 and **$1,250** loan savings! **BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $23,779.** Offer based on Sportage LX MT.

Sportage SX Turbo shown△

HWY (A/T): 6.2L/100KM CITY (A/T): 9.4L/100KM

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2012 OPTIMA

$0 DOWN	AT 0% APR	OWN IT FROM $127≠ BI-WEEKLY

bi-weekly for 60 months, amortized over 84 months with **$0 DOWN PAYMENT**. $6,595 remaining balance. Offer includes delivery, destination and fees of $1,589 and $500 competitive bonus!†† **BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $23,584.** Offer based on Optima LX MT.

Optima SX Turbo shown△

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Offer includes a loan savings of $1,000/$1,250/$0 and a competitive bonus of $0/$0/$500. Delivery and destination fees of $1,650/$1,650/$1,455, other fees of $34, OMVIC fee, environmental fee and A/C tax ($100, where applicable) are included. License, insurance, applicable taxes, PPSA, admin fee (up to $699), and registration fees are extra. See dealer for full details. ¹loan savings for 2012 Sorento LX MT (SP55JC) is $1,000/$1,250 and is available on purchase financing only on approved credit (OAC). Loan savings vary by model and trim and are deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes. Some conditions apply. ²ECO- Credit for 2012 Optima Hybrid is $1,000 and is applicable to the purchase or lease of a new 2012 Kia Optima Hybrid. Available at participating dealers. Certain restrictions apply. 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Visit www.iihs.org for full details. ^Model shown cash purchase price for 2012 Sorento 3.5L SX AWD (SR75KC)/2012 Sportage SX (SP75KC)/2012 Optima SX Turbo (OP74BC) is $$$,279/$36,579/$32,984 and includes a cash savings of $3,500/$2,500/$2,000 (which is deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes and cannot be combined with special lease and finance offers), a competitive bonus of $0/$0/$500, delivery and destination fees of $1,650/$1,650/$1,455, other fees of $34, OMVIC fee, environmental fee and A/C tax ($100, where applicable). License, insurance, applicable taxes, variable dealer administration fees (up to $699), PPSA, and registration fees are extra. Based on the Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price of $42,779/$39,079/$35,484. Retailer may sell for less. See dealer for full details. Available at participating dealers. *Highway(city) fuel consumption of these vehicles may vary. These estimates are based on Transport Canada's approved criteria and testing methods. 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